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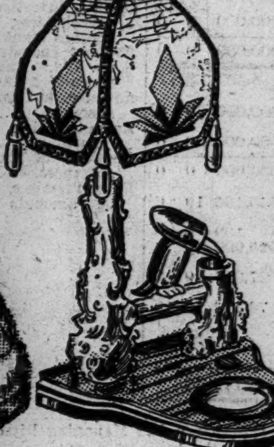

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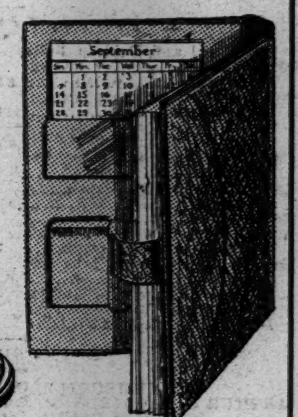

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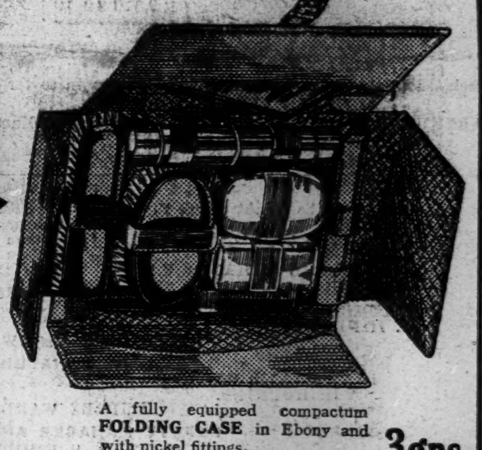

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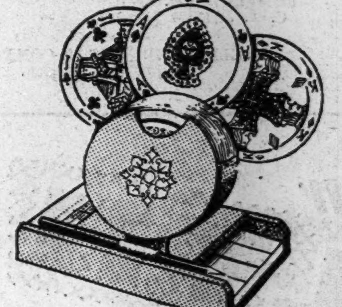

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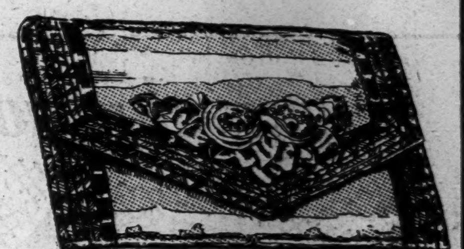

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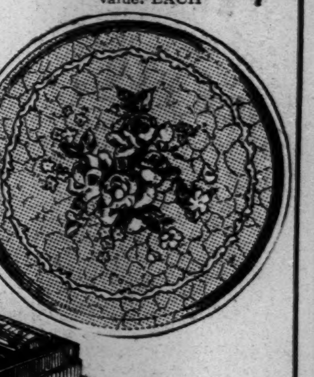

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THE BRITISH OVERSEAS BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1919.

REPORT by the Board of Directors

To the ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS to be held in the BANK PREMISES, 33, GRACECHURCH STREET (LOMBARD COURT), LONDON, E.C.3, on Tuesday, the NINTH day of DECEMBER, 1930, at 12 noon.

The Directors submit to the Shareholders the Balance Sheet of the Bank, as at 31st October, 1930, and Profit and Loss Account, together with copy of the Auditors' Certificate.

The Profit, after allowing rebate of interest and providing for all bad and doubtful debts, and Income Tax, for the year ended 31st October, 1930, amounts to		£140,446 4 10
Balance available from last account		58,130 8 0
Making a total of		£198,576 12 10
Interim Dividend paid on the "A" Ordinary Shares at the rate of Six per cent. per annum (less Income Tax) for the Half-year ended 30th April, 1930, and Income Tax thereon		30,000 0 0
Leaving a Balance of which has been appropriated as follows:—		£168,576 12 10
In payment of a Dividend on the "A" Ordinary Shares at the rate of Six per cent. per annum (less Income Tax) for the Half-year ended 31st October, 1930, which together with Income Tax thereon amounts to	£30,000 0 0	
In payment of a Dividend on the "B" Ordinary Shares at the rate of Six per cent. per annum (less Income Tax) for the Year ended 31st October, 1930, which together with Income Tax thereon amounts to	60,000 0 0	
To Reduction of Premises Account	5,000 0 0	
Leaving a Net Balance to be carried forward to next year of	73,576 12 10	
		£168,576 12 10

The Directors retiring by rotation are Sir James Caird, Bart., and Mr. Dudley Ward, C.B.E., who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Auditors, Messrs. George A. Touche & Co. and Messrs. McClelland, Ker & Co., also retire, and, being eligible, offer themselves for reappointment.

By Order of the Board, A. E. THORNE, Secretary.

London, E.C., 21st November, 1930.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st October, 1930.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Capital: Authorised		Cash in Hand and at Bankers	£293,711 13 9
300,000 "A" Ordinary Shares of £5 each	£1,500,000 0 0	Money at Call and Short Notice	1,820,320 10 1
300,000 "B" Ordinary Shares of £5 each	1,500,000 0 0	Balances with Bankers Abroad	214,749 0 6
400,000 Shares of £5 each which may be issued in whole or in part as "A" or "B" Ordinary Shares	2,000,000 0 0	Bills Discounted	1,071,399 17 8
	£5,000,000 0 0	Government Securities	353,942 11 6
Subscribed and Paid in Full:		Investments in Subsidiary Companies	56,925 3 7
200,000 "A" Ordinary Shares of £5 each	£1,000,000 0 0	Other Investments, including Shareholding Interests in Foreign Banks	532,681 14 9
200,000 "B" Ordinary Shares of £5 each	1,000,000 0 0	Bankers Industrial Development Co. Ltd. One "A" Ordinary Share of £100,000, £100 Paid	100 0 0
	£2,000,000 0 0	Advances to Customers and other Accounts	2,148,941 7 4
Current, Deposit and other Accounts	4,549,186 19 6	Amount owing from Subsidiary Company	19,354 15 6
Amount owing to Subsidiary Company	100 0 0	Liability of Customers for Acceptances, etc. (per contra)	3,927,317 0 3
Reserve Fund	225,000 0 0	Bank Premises, Freehold at cost, less amounts written off	335,736 17 8
Acceptances, etc., for account of Customers (per contra)	3,927,317 0 3		
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	73,576 12 10		
(Note—Contingent Liability on account of Endorsement on Bills Discounted, £707,828)			
	£10,775,180 12 7		£10,775,180 12 7

CHURCHILL, Chairman.
ARTHUR C. D. GAIRDNER, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director. A. E. THORNE, Secretary.
JAMES CAIRD, Director. F. J. SULLIVAN, Accountant

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and compared it with the Books of the Bank.

We have satisfied ourselves as to the correctness of the Cash Balances and the Bills of Exchange, and have verified the Securities.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we have required, and are of the opinion that the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Bank.

GEORGE A. TOUCHE & CO. } Chartered
McCLELLAND, KER & CO. } Accountants, Auditors.

London, E.C., 21st November, 1930.

PROFIT and LOSS ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st October, 1930.

Dr.			Cr.		
To Interim Dividend on the "A" Ordinary Shares at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, and Income Tax thereon	£30,000 0 0		By Balance brought forward		£58,130 8 0
" Final Dividend on the "A" Ordinary Shares at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, and Income Tax thereon	30,000 0 0		" Profit, after allowing rebate of Interest and providing for all Bad and Doubtful Debts, and Income Tax, for the year ended 31st October, 1930	£148,446 4 10	
" Dividend on the "B" Ordinary Shares at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, and Income Tax thereon	60,000 0 0		Less Directors' Fees	8,000 0 0	140,446 4 10
" Reduction of Premises Account	5,000 0 0				
" Balance carried to Balance Sheet	73,576 12 10				
	£198,576 12 10				£198,576 12 10

STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SECTION 128 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1929.

Such of the aggregate profits of the Subsidiary Companies as have been declared in dividends are included in the above Profit and Loss Account in so far as they concern this Bank.

CHURCHILL, Chairman. A. E. THORNE, Secretary.
ARTHUR C. D. GAIRDNER, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director. F. J. SULLIVAN, Accountant.
JAMES CAIRD, Director.

21st November, 1930.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.
H. W. GURNEY, Chief Operator.

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CITY CHATTER.

INVESTMENT SHORTAGE—TRUSTEE STOCKS—AUSTRALIAN GOLD BONUS—FEATURES IN MINES—OILS ACTIVE—LOWER RUBBER OUTPUT.

(R. J. BARRETT, Financial Editor.)

General conditions influencing markets show little change. Growing unemployment figures testify to the unsatisfactory condition of general trade, which is driving capital into gilt-edged stocks for temporary employment. The vast oversubscription of the Central Electricity Board's 4½ per cent. Loan, although the terms were by no means exceptionally generous, shows that large investors are hard pressed to find suitable channels for the utilisation of their funds. In the ensuing week this difficulty will be augmented by the disbursement of the £50,000,000 of War Loan dividends.

Holders of the 4 per cent. War Loan who have received formal notice of repayment are naturally looking about for desirable exchanges, only to find all Government stocks standing at levels which yield a very modest return after the deduction of the present high rate of income tax. It is a quandary from which there seems to be no means of escape unless the present supply of investments is augmented by new issues.

Argentine crop news is fortunately more favourable, and the B.A. Great Southern message published during the past week suggests that the wheat crop will certainly be better than last year's and possibly will equal the great crop of 1928-29. Although the immediate outlook for wheat prices is dubious this is a factor which must tell in favour of the Argentine in the long run. The Ordinary stocks showed signs of recovery, although fresh realisations created a dull tone at the close. Among the Prior Charges Central Argentine new 5 per cent. Debenture stock at 87½, with its yield of over 5½ per cent., offers the kind of security which many are seeking.

TRUSTEE STOCKS.

It is high time that investors disabused their minds of the sanctity of trustee stocks. To call in question the inviolability of such securities may appear as sacrilegious as to speak disrespectfully of the equator. But as trustees must have learned by now, there is no inherent virtue in the stocks included in the trustee list. What after all is a trustee stock? Merely a stock in which trustees are empowered to invest unless expressly forbidden to do so by the instrument creating the trust.

They carry no Government guarantee that the holder shall sustain no loss in certain eventualities. As regards security of income they are mostly unimpeachable, though some trustees who invested funds placed in their keeping in Indian and Australian securities must recently have wondered whether even the income was safe. A trustee stock, like any other fixed interest bearing security, is liable to depreciation, and in most of the pre-war investments of trustees, such as gilt-edged securities and railway debentures, there has been a rather heavy loss of capital. The income remains, but the capital, should it be necessary to realise, has suffered a rather severe shrinkage.

The conditions under which stocks become available for trustees are often arbitrary, as, for example, when the stock of a borough whose population passes the 50,000 mark becomes eligible for trustees, while that of a borough with a smaller population but possibly superior security, does not enjoy the privilege of being purchasable by trustees.

It is also noteworthy that the margin behind stocks included in the trustee list is sometimes rather slender. There is the famous example of London and North Eastern Railway second Preference stock which remains a trustee security so long as some return is made on the company's Preferred Ordinary stock. No doubt every effort will be made to make some payment on that stock even in these difficult times in order to prevent all the company's preference and debenture stocks falling out of the trustee list. Meanwhile at 41 L. & N.E. Railway second Preference stock gives a yield of slightly over 10 per cent., allowing for accrued dividend. Such a return suggests that as an investment, especially for trustees, it is far from being free from the element of risk.

It is curious that a stock of this calibre should be available for trustees, whereas the hugely over-subscribed issue of Central Electricity Board stock advertised in last Sunday's SUNDAY TIMES is not, though the security of a stock of a public body of such importance is unchallengeable. It is manifestly desirable that trustees, instead of being restricted to the present hard and fast regulations, should be given a wider choice in the selections of investments, and that many attractive securities now ineligible should be available for trustees as well as for ordinary investors.

AUSTRALIAN GOLD BONUS.

The proposal of the Commonwealth Government to pay a bonus of £1 an ounce on gold produced in Australia in excess of last year's output, is an event of great interest and importance.

The object of the scheme is twofold. The first to create employment by opening up new mines and making profitable the treatment of ore reserves which it does not pay to send to the mill on the present basis. The calculation that work will be provided for 50,000 people with their dependents is possibly exaggerated, but it is certain that in Western Australia alone, now the chief seat of gold production in the Commonwealth, employment will be found for several thousand workers who could not otherwise find a job. The second object is to stimulate the inflow of British capital into the country in connection with the opening up and equipment of new mines.

The effects of an increased output and export of gold and a renewed inflow of capital should be to correct the disturbed exchange situation, which has recently become so disquieting, not only for the Government but for various public companies which have to make remittances to this country. The idea that under the scheme the Government will be paying 105s. per oz. for gold which cannot be worth more than 85s. overseas is incorrect, as the bonus is payable only on the gold produced in excess on the 1929 output, and not on the total output. The average increase in the cost of the gold sent to the Australian mint will thus be considerably less than £1 per ounce. One estimate is that it will not exceed 6s. 8d.

Shareholders in Westralian gold mining undertakings, of which the Wiluna promises to be one of the largest, will anxiously await fuller details of the scheme. They would like to know, for example, whether the bonus, if adopted, will be paid in full to all entirely new producers, or whether it will be spread over all excess producers irrespective of the date of their initiation.

INDUSTRIAL POINTS.

Carreras revived on more optimistic views of the coming dividend, the preliminary figures being expected in the next day or two and the full report on December 10. A total of 35 per cent., or possibly 40 per cent., compared with 50 per cent. last year on a smaller capital, is suggested. Even the lower rate would mean an 8 per cent. yield, assuming that the dividend is again paid tax free. Wall Paper Deferred improved after the meeting at which the shareholders declined to endorse criticisms of the directors' policy in writing down goodwill out of profits. United Molasses gave way owing to nervousness regarding the Preference dividend due on December 15, but it is understood that this will be met.

Apart from the 4½ per cent. First Debenture stock all Royal Mail issues were marked down freely on Mr. Runciman's statement regarding the serious condition of shipping. In the Iron and Steel section the illuminating references to the efforts of dumping made by Lord Furness at the South Durham meeting strengthened the belief that revival can come only through political agencies.

The amalgamation of the British Oxygen Co. with Allen Liversidge was well received, although little impression was produced on prices. Both companies have an excellent record, and the merger is expected to lead to economies, the effect of which will be shown when trade revives in the heavy industries which use the products of these companies.

Support was given to Home and Colonial Stores and Liptons in the belief that the co-operation between these companies will be mutually advantageous.

Electric Lighting shares were stimulated by the success of the Central Electricity Board issue, investors showing a preference for County of London, Egham and Staines, and Clyde Valley Power. Electrical Equipment shares also continue in favour. Breweries were well supported, the increase in the Allsopp dividend and the maintenance of the South African interim being helpful.

Turner and Newall dropped sharply at the close to 51s. Thursday's formal meeting proved to be quite colourless, whereas some had hoped that the chairman would have taken the opportunity to review the company's position. Some of the selling, it is believed, was of a forced character, and when liquidation is completed the price should recover.

INVESTMENT HINTS.

A line of London Power Company 5 per cent. Debenture stock is offering at 104 and yields £4 16s. per cent. Interest is guaranteed by ten London Electric Supply companies, and the security is excellent. Redemption is at par in 1972 by a 1 per cent. sinking fund on the amount outstanding, or at three months' notice in or after 1952.

London and North Eastern 4½ per cent. Sinking Fund Debenture stock at 91 free of stamp is an attractive investment which yields £4 18s. 9d. per cent. The operation of the sinking fund is a supporting factor and the stock offers better prospects of appreciation than other Home Railway Prior Charges for which sinking funds are not provided.

Associated British Cinemas 7½ per cent. Preference £1 shares at 15s. 6d. yield almost 7 per cent., and are a reasonable selection for those who require a high rate of interest with a spice of speculation. The company, which owned or controlled 120 theatres at the date of the last report, showed a profit of £160,198, whereas the Preference dividend required £38,749. A sum of £50,000 was placed to property depreciation reserve, and £40,000 to general reserve. After paying 8 per cent. on the Ordinary shares, £17,569 was carried forward.

After rising to 100 Frank Myatt 5½ per cent. Guaranteed Mortgage Debenture stock can now be obtained at 98½ compared with the issue price of 98, the yield being £5 12s. per cent. The guarantee is that of the Holt Brewery Co., and the prospectus showed that the principal of the stock is covered more than 3½ times, and the interest and sinking fund over four times.

Mann Crossman and Paulin 5 per cent. Preference £10 shares at 9¼ yield £5 8s. per cent. Their security is exceptional even for a prosperous London Brewery Co. Profits for the year ended September 30 were £495,220, an increase of £5,057 over the previous year. Debenture interest requires £30,576, and Preference dividend £62,500. After providing for these and the dividend on the privately held Ordinary shares, £162,408 was carried forward.

FEATURES IN MINES.

It has been left to the miscellaneous sections to provide this week's features in mines, Kaffirs and Rhodesians receiving scant attention. Having regard to the decline in company's earnings as a result of the fall in silver, a cut in the Santa Gertrudis dividend had been fully expected. Hence the maintenance of the rate at 1s. 6d. for the half year came as an agreeable surprise and stimulated a demand for the shares.

Cables to hand from Canberra seem to leave little doubt that the long-talked-of bonus of £1 per oz. of gold produced will, after all, be forthcoming. In view of what happened a month ago, there is a disposition to await the actual passing of the Bill; still, West Australian gold shares improved under the lead of Lake Views. Trepca—a Yugoslavian enterprise of the Chester-Beatty group—went ahead. The buying was attributed to the satisfactory nature of the outputs.

On the adverse side, considerable selling of Burma Corporation shares has to be recorded. The report for the September quarter showed a severe falling off in profits; in the meantime the price of lead has further weakened. A marked reduction in the December dividend therefore appears inevitable. In some quarters it is considered doubtful whether the directors will feel it worth while to make any interim distribution at all.

Following the cessation of the liquidation for French account, Kaffirs assumed a steadier appearance, but business ruled on a very small scale. It is thought Johannesburg may lend a little support if there are no further financial difficulties on the Continent. Despite the new sales agreement, De Beers descended to a record low level, owing to a renewed outburst of French selling. Fluctuations in Base Metal shares have been confined within narrow limits.

OILS ACTIVE.

Realisation of the fact that the recent heavy falls in quotations of Oil shares had been overdone caused a sharp recovery in prices in the middle of the week. The market was due for a technical reaction, and one or two items of news of an encouraging nature gave additional strength to the upward movement. The maintenance of the Anglo-Persian interim dividend at 5 per cent., although never really in doubt, nevertheless served as a stimulus to confidence, which was further heightened by the announcement of a reduction in the daily average production of crude oil in the United States.

Renewed support arose for Royal Dutch and Shell Transports when attention was drawn to the fact that dividends paid by the Standard Oil group during 1930 will constitute a new high record in the history of the company. It was argued that what can be done by the Standard Oil should also be achieved by the Royal Dutch-Shell group, and a greater feeling of optimism was spread regarding the final dividends of the latter.

Lobitos and Anglo-Ecuadorians were a firmer market after the Anglo-Ecuadorian meeting. The shares of these two companies have recently been depressed by reports of disturbances in Peru, but Lord Forres, chairman of Anglo-Ecuadorian Oilfields, was able to tell shareholders that the effects of the political trouble in South America were unimportant as regards a business such as theirs. Drawing attention to the good report of the company, he also stated that there were reasons why they should escape the worst of the débâcle in oil prices, although, in the main, they must suffer with the rest.

The rise in share prices met with a setback towards the close of the week, support from the public failing to arise.

LOWER RUBBER OUTPUT.

Raw rubber prices followed quite a steady course, with spot usually buyers at 4⅛d. Trading was on a smaller scale, with manufacturers less in evidence, the main volume of trading being on behalf of outside interests. Business in the shares was extremely limited, with price alterations both few in number and of an unimportant description.

An interesting compilation of those estates which have announced a cutting down of output was published during the week. Over eighty separate concerns are included, which, together, have a potential output of 29,531 tons. Allowing for the proposed reduction the revised figure amounts to 18,984 tons, a total reduction of 10,647 tons. It is pointed out that doubtless numerous further companies are adopting a similar practice, indeed, some time ago a message from Ceylon stated that over forty estates there had suspended operations.

As mentioned last week, the recent advance in the price of raw rubber is not an unmixed blessing, as it may lead to the postponement of output restrictions. This tendency has become apparent in Ceylon, where it has already kept in production a number of estates which were on the point of closing down. Meanwhile it is encouraging to note that October crop returns from estates totalling 19,200,000 lb. compares with 21,000,000 lb. for the same period of last year, a decline of around 10 per cent.

Tea shares remained a quiet market, with price changes irregular. Results at the auctions continued satisfactory, with the total average price almost unaltered at 1s. 3.38d., against 1s. 3.41d. the previous week, and 1s. 1.73d. for the corresponding sales a year ago.

THE OUTLOOK.

While it is still desirable to guard against a resumption of liquidation, signs are not wanting of an improvement in the tone of the stock markets. It is based on the idea that the fall in the prices of many commodities has gone as far as it is reasonably likely to go, and that an upward turn will be seen before long. Whether this applies to wheat, which is the most important commodity of all, is doubtful. The fact that the Argentine crop promises to be a good deal better than was recently expected is a warning against undue optimism.

Despite the temporary shortage of credit at the end of the month and the fact that the Government has had to make preparations for the disbursement on War Loan 5 per cent. stock due to-morrow, the outlook is for easy money conditions in the near future, with a strong probability of a reduction in Bank rate. There is consequently no reason to expect a slackening in the demand for investment securities, but on the contrary every indication that prices will continue to be forced up, unless the supply of available stocks becomes more adequate.

Conditions in the United States will need to be closely watched. It is probable that there are financial troubles still to come, and it is desirable to guard against facile optimism in the matter of business recovery. In South American countries also the process of recuperation from the severe economic stress which in so many cases had led to revolutionary movements, may prove to be lengthy, and it would be unwise to take too sanguine a view of investments in these countries.

From Mr. Runciman's statement it is evident that the position of the Royal Mail group of shipping companies is such as to cause great anxiety, and it is to be feared that the losses experienced by investors in this connection are irreparable. Reorganisation must come of course, but it may take many months to work out a suitable scheme.

PAST WEEK'S MARKET FEATURES

	Nov. 21.	Nov. 28.	+ Rise or — Fall.
GILT-EDGED.			
War Loan 5%	102 7/8	102 15/16	+ 1/16
Conversion 3½%	81 7/8	81 13/16	— 1/16
Do. 5%	106	105 15/16	— 1/16
Consolidated 4%	93	92 3/4	— 1/4
India 3%	55 1/4	56	+ 3/4
Australia 5%	85	85 1/2	+ 1/2
FOREIGN.			
Brazil 1914	71 1/4	71	— 1/4
Do. 6½%	74 1/2	72	— 2 1/2
Chinese 1912	49 1/4	52 1/2	+ 3 1/4
Do. 1913	67 1/4	68	+ 3/4
German 5½%	73 1/2	73	— 1/2
Peru Pref.	32 3/4	31 1/2	— 1 1/4
S. Paulo Coffee	77	76	— 1
HOME AND FOREIGN RAILS.			
Cen. Argentine	61 1/2	60	— 1 1/2
Entre Rios	70 1/2	69	— 1 1/2
United Havana	7	6	— 1
San Paulo	162	155	— 7
INDUSTRIALS			
Allied News	18/9	19/6	+ -/9
Amal. Press	20/6	20/6	—
Kelly's Directories Deb.	104xd	104 1/2	+ 1/2
Daily Mail Trust	2 1/8	2 3/32	— 1/32
Carreras	5 1/4	5 5/8	+ 3/8
Turner & Newall	53/-	51/-	— 2/-
United Molasses	19/4½	18/-	— 1/4½
Wall Paper Def'd	33/-	34/-	+ 1/-
Mme. Tussaud Df.	8/7½	10/4½	+ 1/9
Egham & Staines Electric	32/-	37/-	+ 5/-
Home & Colonial	13/6	14/3	+ -/9
Thornycroft	33/-	31/10½	— 1/1½
Johnson & Phillips	35/6	37/-	+ 1/6
Hudson's Bay	2	1 15/16	— 1/16
Intern. Nickel	19 1/4	18 3/8	— 7/8
Brazil Traction	27 3/8	26 1/8	— 1 1/4
Leyland Motor	55/3	53/9	— 1/6
MINES.			
Central Mining	11 1/4	11 1/4	—
De Beers Def.	5 1/2	5	— 1/2
New Modder	3 1/4	3 3/16	— 1/16
Bwana M'Kubwa	8/10½	8/4½	— -/6
Chartered	29/6	28/7½	— -/10½
Congo Border	9	8 1/2	— 1/2
Rio Tinto	31 1/4	30 5/8	— 5/8
Mining Corporation	4/3	6/6	+ 2/3
Burma Corporation	9/10½	9/1½	— -/9
Trepca (5/-)	5/-	6/3	+ 1/3
Lake Views (4/-)	8/6	9/-	+ -/6
OILS.			
Anglo-Persian	2 29/32	2 7/8	— 1/32
Burmah	3 3/8	3 3/8	—
Phoenix	6/10½	6/9	— -/1½
Royal Dutch	24 3/8	24 3/4	+ 3/8
Shell Transport	3 5/8	3 21/32	+ 1/32
Trinidad Leaseholds	1 5/32	1 9/32	+ 1/8
V.O.C.	1 1/2	1 9/16	+ 1/16
RUBBERS.			
Rubber Trusts	24/6	24/-	— -/6
Anglo-Dutch	25/3	24/-	— 1/3
Killinghall	1 3/8	1 1/2	+ 1/8
Hong Kong	1 3/8	1 7/16	+ 1/16
TEAS.			
Southern India	26/-	22/6	— 3/6
Ceylon Land and Produce	2 1/4x	2 1/16	— 3/16
Doom Dooma	3 7/8	3 3/4	— 1/8
Moabund	2 5/16	2 1/4	— 1/16

TEA RESTRICTION.

DUTCH INDIES PRODUCERS FAVOUR SCHEME.

BATAVIA, Saturday.

The meeting of firms interested in the Dutch East Indies tea industry held here to-day passed a resolution favouring the prolongation of the restriction and proposing that the decision should be brought to the knowledge of the Tea Producers' Association of Amsterdam.

The final decision on the question rests with London and Amsterdam, because the majority of the owners of tea estates are established in those centres.—Reuter.

GROCERY FUSION.

INTERNATIONAL TEA REFERENDUM.

The directors of the International Tea Company's Stores announce that the result to date of the referendum to the shareholders shows that very large majorities both in number of shareholders of each class who have sent in their cards and in value of shares held are against the merger proceeding and in favour of the company remaining an independent company.

Under the scheme, it will be recalled, the International Company, Maypole Dairy, Meadow Dairy, Pearks Dairies, and the Home and Colonial Stores were to be merged into a new company styled Allied Stores, which was also to control Lipton. Difficulties arose, and shareholders of the International Company were given the opportunity of deciding whether their company was to join the merger.

Recently the directors of the Home and Colonial Stores informed their shareholders that further amendments were suggested to the scheme, which the Home and Colonial directors, in the interests of shareholders, were unable to accept. They, therefore, definitely abandoned all negotiations.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

ANSELLS BREWERY, LTD.

CHAIRMAN ON TRADE DIFFICULTIES.

BREWERS KEEP FAITH.

The thirtieth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of Ansells Brewery, Ltd., was held on Wednesday last at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, Mr. James A. Fairhurst (chairman) presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. Arthur Kimberley) read the notice convening the meeting, and the auditors' certificate was presented by Mr. Howard Fisher, of Messrs. Fisher, Randle, and Fisher.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, said:—

Ladies and gentlemen: Before commencing the business of the meeting I must apologise for the absence of Mr. Thomas Ansell, my joint managing director. Your board and, I am sure, the shareholders regret this, especially as it is through illness. Mr. Ansell is away from home recuperating, and, I am pleased to say, is much better in health.

Last year our secretary (Mr. Winterton) was unable to be present at the general meeting through illness, and, unfortunately, since that time his health has not improved, and he has resigned his position, Mr. A. Kimberley, who has been assistant secretary for many years, having been appointed in his stead. For thirty-five years Mr. Winterton had been a trusted and valued official of the company, always giving of his best, and I can assure you that your board fully appreciate the services he rendered, and with great regret accepted his resignation. It is really quite unnecessary for me to tell most of you how much companies owe to competent, trustworthy, and assiduous officials.

THE BALANCE-SHEET.

The directors report and balance-sheet have been printed and circulated amongst you, and I presume you wish to take them as read. We have been hoping now for a long time for improvement in trade; you remember, no doubt, the proverb: "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick, but when the desire cometh it is a tree of life." I do not imagine, with this balance-sheet before them, that the hearts of the shareholders are sick, but all of us will rejoice when "the desire cometh." I do not think that there is any necessity to refer to more than two or three items on the balance-sheet. First, you will notice that the paid-up Ordinary share capital now stands at £800,000. The increase of £200,000 was caused by the capitalisation of that amount of reserve and the distribution of 40,000 fully-paid shares amongst the Ordinary shareholders. That explains the reason why the reserve fund now stands at £280,000.

The other item to which I wish to draw your attention is the profit of £174,733. This, compared with the corresponding figure of last year, £189,329, shows a drop in our profits of between £14,000 and £15,000. This is regrettable, but it does not surprise me. We had to reckon during the period under review with months of exceptionally bad weather. Last year I told you that we were engaged in a business which deals with a very large public who are particularly affected by the two factors of bad trade and unemployment. Such factors were operating last year, and have continued to do so, as you all know, with increasing force right up to to-day. How long it will go on I do not know, but there is this redeeming feature—the situation is now so bad that men of all classes are co-operating to remedy it, irrespective of any political bias which they previously had when circumstances were different. So that I think that in this case out of a temporary evil a permanent good may arise.

BREWERS' PROMISE TO THE CHANCELLOR.

Another matter which has affected our profits has been the extra 3s. a standard barrel beer duty which was imposed this year, and which particularly affects your company, owing to the high strength of our beers. The promise the brewers gave to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to bear this duty themselves and not pass it on to the public or the retailers has been honourably kept, but your profits have to this extent suffered. I had my doubts at the time as to the wisdom of giving any such promise, and, having regard to the increase of the income-tax from 4s. to 4s. 6d. in the pound (of which we were unaware when the promise was given), I am now of the opinion that it was premature, and we ought not to have bound ourselves in such a manner.

During the course of the year the directors have elected to the board Sir Pierce Lacy, Bart., and Mr. Alfred Inman Sherwin, and in accordance with the articles of association they both come up for re-election. In electing Sir Pierce Lacy and Mr. Alfred Sherwin members of the board, your directors are confident that such action will meet with the hearty approval of the shareholders. Both these gentlemen are very well known to you and in the city of Birmingham for their business ability, and I feel sure you have the fullest confidence in their capability of guarding your interests.

The brewery and properties of the company and all plant and machinery have, as usual, been fully kept up out of income, and the gravity and quality of our product have been maintained. I have every reason to hope, therefore, that as and when trade improves and employment increases your company will have at least their proportion of the benefits that will then arise.

MAKING ORDINARY SHARES MARKETABLE.

There is one other matter I should like to mention. The Ordinary shares of this company have up to now been privately held, and with a view of making them marketable it is necessary to alter our articles of association so as to comply with Stock Exchange requirements. At the same time it is desirable to bring such articles up to date and in accordance with the Companies Act, 1929. You will therefore very shortly be receiving a notice calling a special meeting to consider new articles as well as the sub-division of the present Ordinary share of £5 into five shares of £1 each.

Before formally moving the resolution, I would like to take the opportunity of congratulating our staff and workpeople on the excellent services they have rendered during the past year, and on the splendid loyalty they always display. Your directors appreciate it, and I am sure you do.

I now beg to move the following resolution:—"That the report and accounts be received and adopted and that the following final dividends be paid for the half-year ended September 30, 1930, viz., at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum (less income-tax) on the Preference shares, and at the rate of 12½ per cent. per annum, together with a bonus of 2½ per cent. on the Ordinary shares (both free of income-tax)."

Mr. A. E. Ansell (assistant managing director): I have very much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. W. Heath, J.P., moved: "That Sir Pierce Lacy, Bart., be re-elected a director of the company."

Mr. Heath said that Sir Pierce was a man whose name carried great weight in the commercial and financial world, and his reputation was of a high standard. Having regard to the wonderful success of the company in the past, he could not help but think that the board would be strengthened by the inclusion of Sir Pierce.

Captain Crossland seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously, Sir Pierce suitably acknowledging.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

Mr. Frank Woolley moved: "That Mr. A. I. Sherwin be re-elected a director of the company." Mr. Woolley referred to the fact that Mr. Sherwin was a partner of the late Mr. Joseph Ansell, who was a brother of the founders of the business. Mr. Joseph Ansell was a great asset to the company, with his wonderful personality and knowledge of the trade. He (Mr. Woolley) knew Mr. Sherwin's great successes, his few failures, and, incidentally, many of his frailties, but he was not going to talk about that. The company could be quite sure that it would be of great assistance to have Mr. Sherwin at their board meetings.

Mr. W. Scott, seconding the resolution, said as a member of the board he would like to welcome Mr. Sherwin. He knew Mr. Sherwin had some very excellent ideas, and he was sure they would all profit by hearing of them. To use the chairman's illustration, he hoped they would hasten the coming of the "tree of life."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Sherwin, in thanking the shareholders, said that he would be proud to occupy the position to which they had elected him, and would do his best to justify the confidence they had placed in him.

On the proposition of Mr. James Marson, seconded by Mr. L. Litherland, Messrs. Fisher, Randle, and Fisher were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

Mr. H. Fisher, on behalf of his firm, thanked the shareholders on their re-election as auditors.

Mr. Alfred Aston, proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, directors, and staff, said he had proposed this resolution at annual meetings for many years, and it was with great pleasure that he did it again. If he might divert from the subject a little, he would like to congratulate the shareholders and other directors on the re-election of Sir Pierce Lacy and Mr. Sherwin. He congratulated them on acquiring gentlemen of such business acumen, and, as other speakers had said, he was sure the board would benefit by their services. He would also congratulate Mr. Kimberley on his appointment as secretary. He (Mr. Aston) well remembered Mr. Kimberley coming as a boy to the offices in Park Road, and he had seen him working in harmony with Mr. Winterton, whom they all regretted had had to retire from office. They trusted that Mr. Winterton would be restored to health, so that he might enjoy his retirement for many years.

Mr. C. E. A. Flewitt seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the chairman.

PETER WALKER (WARRINGTON) AND ROBERT CAIN & SONS.

IMPROVED YEAR'S WORKING.

The ninth ordinary annual general meeting of Peter Walker (Warrington) and Robert Cain and Sons, Ltd., was held on Monday at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C.

Sir Charles A. Nall-Cain, Bt., J.P., D.L. (chairman and managing director), who presided, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said: The balance of profit for the year is some £750 more than last year. After meeting prior charges there is a balance of £258,005.

To this we add the amount brought forward from last year, £98,104, making £356,110. We have transferred £50,000 to reserve; £56,750 has been paid by way of an interim dividend on the Ordinary shares, and there remains an available balance of £249,360. We recommend the usual grant of £5,000 to the Staff Benefit Fund, the payment of a final dividend of 5 per cent., which with tax will absorb £113,500, carrying forward to next year £130,860.

All trades in our area have been depressed during the past year, and the spending power of our customers has naturally decreased. Coupled with that, we have had the increased burden imposed on the trade by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in April last of 3s. per standard barrel, the whole of which is borne by the brewer; thus, the year's accounts before you do contain 5½ months of the higher duty. Against this extraordinary burden we have had the benefit of cheaper materials, with the result already indicated, that we have maintained our profits and strengthened our resources against the leaner times that may be in store.

GOOD WILL OF PUBLIC.

We have steadily followed our policy of modernising, improving and rebuilding our houses at a very considerable cost to the company. During the years 1925-30 alone we have, in addition to our large outlays on maintenance and renewals, expended on the improvement of 380 houses a sum of approximately £370,000. This expenditure, as you know, cannot yield immediate profit, for it is true that the improvement of houses and the provision of increased space benefits the public more than it does the brewer.

It will, however, safeguard our interests by entrenching us in the good will of the public, on which the continuing prosperity of our business depends. It is common knowledge that improvements and additional space do not mean that more drink is sold, but that more people avail themselves of the facilities both for food and drink which we are able to provide—facilities which are easily within the means of the poorer people.

In conclusion, I would just like to refer very briefly to the Royal Commission, and in the first place to express the hope that the Commission may find time to visit our houses, and see for themselves the improvements which we have made in the face of the difficulties to which I have referred.

The evidence which has been, and is being, so patiently heard and so closely examined by the Commission, to my mind, seems to indicate the directions on which, I hope, the Commission may decide to recommend that the licensing laws be "amended in the public interest."

The directions may, I believe, be in the removal of the defects in the licensing laws to which I have referred, and in encouraging closer co-operation of our trade with the licensing authorities—a co-operation which, as has been acknowledged, our trade has always been ready to extend in the public interest. (Cheers.)

Mr. Arthur E. Pattinson (deputy chairman and assistant managing director) seconded the resolution, and, after the chairman had replied to questions, it was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE JOHANNESBURG CONSOLIDATED INVESTMENT COMPANY.

INTERESTS IN DIAMONDS AND BASE METALS.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co., Ltd., announces the receipt of a cabled report from Johannesburg of the proceedings at the annual meeting of shareholders held on Tuesday. Mr. W. S. Webber, who presided, said he was sure that all present shared with him in regretting that their permanent chairman, Mr. S. B. Joel, had not been able to preside at that meeting. Mr. Joel had passed through a very severe illness since they last met; happily, he had made an excellent recovery, and he had come out to South Africa to escape the rigours of the English winter, and was now in Cape Town. The progress of his health was such that he looked forward with eagerness and confidence to presiding at the next annual meeting.

The report and accounts for the year ended June 30 last were unanimously adopted.

The net profit for the year was £565,193. Dividends paid totalled £592,500, and the balance carried forward was £154,190.

The Chairman said that as an investment company, with large interests in diamonds and base metals, the company was bound to feel the effects of the world-wide depression, but, on the whole, the position disclosed in the accounts was a matter for congratulation. The strong financial position of the company had been maintained. The book value of the assets, £6,331,914, showed a surplus of £5,104,190 over liabilities to the public.

With regard to the Randfontein Estates Gold Mining Company, during 1929 2,528,000 tons were crushed, resulting in a working profit of £246,705. The results for the current year showed a decided and progressive improvement, and if no unforeseen circumstances arose the company would re-enter the dividend list next year.

THE COPPER DISCOVERIES IN NORTHERN RHODESIA.

Copper had not escaped the severe and rapid decline in price of commodities now being experienced, and the price was now the lowest known for many years, being little more than half the value of a year ago. From 1900 up to a year ago the price had averaged over £70 per long ton, the average annual price never having been below £54. These figures emphasised the severity of the present depression. Few copper companies were making a profit at present, and a considerable amount of copper was being produced at a loss. If there was no improvement in consumption and price within a reasonable time many companies now producing must cease production. Last year the Chairman reviewed the copper outlook of Northern Rhodesia in detail, and in the light of recent progress his considered opinion that conditions generally would be favourable to cheap production and that no undue difficulties were to be expected in mining and metallurgy and native labour supply had proved correct. The company's consulting engineer visited the copper fields recently, and an up-to-date impression was therefore possible. Rapid progress had been made in actual construction work; native labour supply was satisfactory; surface construction work at N'Kana mine belonging to Bwana M'Kubwa Copper Company, in which this company was particularly interested, was well advanced. Since the railway reached the property in May last progress had been rapid, and sufficient underground work had been completed to indicate what mining conditions might be anticipated.

FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS.

Conditions were all favourable and indicated very low total underground costs. A pilot reduction plant having a capacity of some 7,000 tons of sulphide ore per month had been operating for some time with very satisfactory results. High percentage extracts had been obtained and rich concentrate containing over 50 per cent. copper produced. In the large scale plant, in spite of geographical position, production and marketing costs would be substantially below average world cost, and in course of time the Rhodesian copper industry would compare favourably with the most favoured low-cost producers. The present indications were that one large mine would be in full production well before the end of 1931, and the N'Kana mine would be in its stride within the first few months of 1932. The present low price was a matter of concern to all copper mines, but low-cost producers might look forward to the future with every confidence. It had been fully demonstrated that Northern Rhodesia could if need be meet the unlikely contingency of even lower prices, and in the near future would be in a position to take full advantage of a recovery towards normal. World conditions demanded an ever-increasing amount of copper, and the consensus of opinion was that approximately an additional million tons would be required annually in ten years time. In the light of the past year's development and experience there was no need to modify the opinion expressed at the last Annual Meeting that copper discoveries in Northern Rhodesia constituted the greatest base metal development the world had experienced for years past, and that their investments in copper would be of great value to the Company.

Potgietersrust Platinums, Ltd., had been able to work profitably at present prices of the metals; costs had been reduced to a low figure, and it was anticipated that further economies would be effected, together with improved extraction. Platinum, along with other commodities, would benefit with a return to normal world conditions.

THE DIAMOND TRADE.

It was only to be expected that there should be a distinct falling off in the demand for diamonds in consequence of the financial crisis in America, and the real revival in the trade must run concurrently with the passing of the general depression, but he wished to emphasise that the intrinsic position of the diamond trade was exceptionally sound. It would have been noticed from the statement recently made by Mr. Fourie, Minister of Mines, that a new interproducers' agreement and new sales agreements were in course of preparation; these would take the place of the existing arrangements, which would terminate by effluxion of time at the end of the year. It was important to remember that the Minister stated that the Union Government, although not becoming a party to the agreements, intended to limit its own sales of diamonds proportionally to the sales of the companies named, namely, De Beers Consolidated Mines, New Jagersfontein Mining and Exploration Co., Premier (Transvaal), Diamond Mining Co., and Consolidated Diamond Mines of South-West Africa; further, when selling diamonds to South African cutters, to charge prices which worked out on a parity with London prices and assortment so as to avoid the possibility of unfair competition; and further that the Union Government's sales other than to South African cutters would be made only to the Syndicate. In authorising the conclusion of the new agreements the Minister of Mines gave his approval to their being ceded to the Diamond Corporation at a later date.

The Chairman explained the purpose for which the Diamond Corporation was formed. In the first instance it was confined to the purchase of outside diamonds, but it was now proposed to increase its capital and extend its operations to the purchase and sale of all diamonds, both producers and outside. The members of the Corporation were De Beers Consolidated Mines, New Jagersfontein Mining and Exploration Co., Consolidated Diamond Mines of South-West Africa, and the present members of the Diamond Syndicate.

The import of the announcement by the Government, above referred to, was that the control of diamonds had once again been established, and that the Government were co-operating with producers in maintaining and stabilising the diamond trade.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Readers who desire answers on financial matters should send their queries to "Financial Editor," the "Sunday Times," 135, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, so as to arrive not later than first post Fridays.

C. J. H.—No need to sell any of these.
D. M. H.—Would not sell at present prices.
W. H. H.—A fair risk to average Courtaulds.
Grum.—Prefer the first of the two you mention.
F. I. Kenning.—The society is in the front rank.
Krusto.—Of your selections prefer Nos. 2, 3, and 4.
G. E. F.—Prefer a home Insurance office for this purpose.
Junius.—Hold Unilevers and average if the price goes lower.
Duice.—(1) Advise you to hold War Loan. (2) A good society.
Peveril.—As "mixers" prefer Debenhams Securities and Drages.
Wilts.—All are quite reasonable investments and are worth keeping.
Newport.—Cannot advise averaging. Better hold for eventual recovery.
T. C.—Keep all of the Industrials and average on a suitable opportunity.
P. M. W.—It would be illegal for a moneylender to make an advance to a minor.
A. K., Sheffield.—Consult a solicitor as to whether the debtor can be sued in an English court.
Redwell.—No reason why you should not invest part of your capital in a good building society.
Limited.—They are all good Industrials. Would not sell any of them if you can wait for recovery.
Courtlands.—Of your selections would only buy Shell Transports, Courtaulds, and Central Argentines.
T. P. Leith.—Baldwins might be averaged if you can wait. Would not buy more of the others.
Timber.—Have a poor opinion of the timber-growing scheme. It would certainly be wiser to cut the loss.
F. E. S. R.—Exchange Canada 3½ per Cent. into Consolidated 4 per Cent. In any case it will be repaid in 1934.
M. B., Chelsea.—The position is not pleasant, but at least you know it is now in good hands. Would risk holding.
R. L. W.—Keep the Home Rails, but there is no inducement to buy more till a settlement of the wages dispute is in sight.
Regular Reader, Baildon.—French 5 per Cent. Rentes are not likely to rise much so would sell these and average the others.
Ajax.—A thoroughly reliable Insurance office. Consult them on the plan. If you want a Building Society, the National might suit you.
A. K. and Co.—Sorry, there is no record available of the value of the Hungarian crown on the Geneva Stock Exchange in September, 1918.
R. L. G.—There is no liability under the Gas Light and Coke Co.'s Charter. You merely risk the amount you have paid for the stock or stock units.
Wake.—Would not advise this course. You cannot rely upon the present rate of interest being paid indefinitely, as in the case of your Government stocks.
B. W. S.—(1) The three societies would be suitable for part of the sum. (2) Would invest only a small portion in the Mining shares and place a substantial part in Consolidated 4 per Cent.
Keffi.—Both shares should be held in the hope of some recovery within the time named, although whether they will touch your purchase prices is a little doubtful.
Devon.—(1) Would wait for signs of trade recovery before averaging. (2) Savoy Hotel shares should be held. (3) Tilling and British Automobile are worth keeping.
Sexagenarian.—(1) No need to sell the India stock. (2) See no objection to this form of investment, but cannot express an opinion regarding the firm mentioned.
Beneficiary.—Hold the Tin shares for eventual recovery in the metal. Would not advise selling any of the others at present prices, as you can wait for recovery.
F. A. H. C.—(1) Tobacco Securities Trusts are high but still promising. The Deferred stock offers more speculative scope. (2) Imperial Chemical Ordinary are a fair risk.
J. B. N. 16.—Cannot advise selling either of the Australian stocks. There is a serious body of opinion in the Commonwealth which means to carry out all Government obligations.
Deva.—After these bonds were recommended their prices advanced substantially, and you had the opportunity to realise. The fall is due to the Brazilian revolution, and the best course is to wait until conditions improve.
B. P. T.—There are rupees 12,50,000 Bombay Port Trust 4 per Cent. Debentures falling due November 1 next. Only the sterling Debentures are quoted in London. If a quotation can be obtained in India will reply further next week.
Senile.—(a) Would await repayment of the 4 per Cent. War Loan. (b) For reinvestment you might consider Auckland Harbour 5 per Cent. bonds, 1950, and Cape Town new 5 per Cent., unless in the meanwhile more attractive new securities have appeared.
Francais.—(1) Tilbury Contracting and Dredging is a promising holding. (2) Would not sell Shell Transports. (3) Company has had a setback which may be only temporary. (4) A smaller dividend next time has been discounted by the fall in B.A. Pacifics. (5) Nuttall's Brewery Ordinary shares are all held by Mathew Brown and Co. The Preferences are fair. (6) Porritts and Spencer might be held.

INCOME-TAX QUERIES.

Lothian.—The rate of tax would be 4s. 6d. in £.

A. E. L.—You can claim full personal allowances for 1930-31 although you only came to this country during the year.

T. W. G.—You cannot charge cost of making up road in repairs and maintenance claim. This is capital expenditure on par with original cost of building house.

E. B. G.—As wife died in January, 1930, you are entitled to full £225 allowance for 1929-30, but for 1930-31 you can only get unmarried allowance of £135.

Temple.—If you read reply again you will see that if Englishman is resident abroad his domicile does not matter. The question of domicile is only of importance if person concerned is resident in this country.

W. S. S.—If Australian income is derived from stocks, shares, securities, or rents of property, you must pay tax upon it, whether it is remitted to this country or not. If it is derived from some other possession you will only pay tax on so much of income as is remitted to this country.

Mary.—Assessments can be made for six past years. If it can be shown that omission from return was innocent, no question of further payment or of payment of interest can arise. If omission was not innocent the penalty is such sum, not exceeding £20, and treble tax for each of years as Commissioners of Taxes may impose.

Streatham.—If you employ housekeeper you can certainly claim £60 allowance. As widow over 65 years of age and with total income under £500, and employing housekeeper, tax can be calculated by deducting from total income one-sixth and also allowance of £135 and housekeeper allowance of £60, and calculating tax on remainder at 2s. in £.

Palestine.—If you come to reside in this country in circumstances mentioned, you will be liable for tax on total combined income of self and wife. You can calculate what this would be for current year by deducting one-sixth from pension, personal allowance of £225, and by calculating tax on remainder at 2s. in £ on £250 and 4s. 6d. in £ on rest.

C. A.—As you have not been in this country for more than six months in tax year 1929-30 and in tax year 1930-31, and have not yet decided whether you are going to take up your residence after leaving India, you have not yet become liable to English income-tax as British resident. If from now onwards you decide to settle in England liability will date from October 27, 1930.

Enquirer.—The profit from letting furnished house should be calculated by deducting from rent received any rent or rates paid for period of let, any agent's fees, cost of agreement, etc., and reasonable amount for wear and tear of furniture during let. If the house is your own and you do not pay rent you should deduct proportion of the Sch. A assessment instead of deducting portion of rent paid.

H. M., Birkenhead.—If co-partnership dividend was received by you as dividend on an investment, such dividend would form part of income-tax income for year in which dividend fell due for payment, i.e., if dividend was declared on April 1, 1930, it would be part of income for 1929-30, even although it was not paid until May 1. But if dividend is part of profit-sharing scheme of remuneration, then it forms part of earnings for period covered by dividend, and would enter into Sch. E assessment for following year.

O. W.—A spinster aged 70, with total income under £500 a year is entitled to deduct one-sixth from total income and also allowance of £135. The remainder is taxed at 2s. in £ up to £250 and 4s. 6d in £ on anything over. The income from house property is taken at net annual value assessed under Sch. A. This should correspond normally with rents received less rates and repairs paid by landlord so that figures are probably about right. The annuity must be entered on return unless it is voluntary annuity from relative and can be withdrawn at will.

H. B. J.—Your question is not understood. In what circumstances are you being asked to pay tax on rates on rented house? If you rent house you must pay income-tax under Sch. A on assessed value of house, and this you will deduct from rent when you pay it. If you have let house to someone else the tenant will pay tax and deduct it from rent. You will not escape income-tax in England unless you cease to reside in England and go to reside abroad permanently. Even then you will still pay English income-tax on any part of income which arises in England.

Devonian.—Surtax is payable upon exactly same income as is assessable to income-tax. For 1929-30 your untaxed interest would be assessed on basis of amount of untaxed interest received in preceding year, but if there is any alteration in source of this untaxed interest during 1929-30 assessment would then be adjusted to actual amount of interest for that year. Your surtax assessment for 1929-30 would be made upon total of your income which is taxed at source during year plus assessment in respect of any income not taxed at source. As regards War Loan which was converted into tax deducted stock you had received June and December, 1929 interest in full, and you are liable to tax on this for 1929-30 but not for 1930-31.

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WALL STREET FIRM.

RAILS RECOVER EARLY LOSSES.

IMPROVED OUTLOOK FOR RUBBER.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

In very dull trading, bears gave the market an upward tilt as they closed out short contracts. A slight stiffening in copper prices with indications of a little improvement in retail trade, coupled with a decline of 63,000,000 dollars in brokers' loans for the week, provided a background for an advance, although primarily the market appeared to be governed by technical internal conditions.

An easy tendency prevailed at the opening, but early selling of rails and utilities soon gave way to a gradual upward turn, rails generally recovering their earlier losses. Rubber issues displayed strength, brokers stating that the industry generally appeared to be in the strongest inventory position than for some time, and that replacements for tyres must appear in substantial volume during the next few months.

Reports from the Steel Industry indicated a further slackening of operations in the Youngstown area next week. The market closed firm.

U.S. Steel, American Can, American Telephone and Telegraph, Kennecott Copper, Anaconda Copper, Sears Roebuck, Pennsylvania Railroad, Westinghouse Electric, New York Consolidated Gas, Woolworth, and New York Central rose from 1 to 2 points.

Government Bonds steady. Railroad Bonds easy. The day's sales totalled 695,000 shares. Money on Call nominal. Sterling Exchange steady. Silver 1/4c. lower at 35⅛.—Reuter.

SMALL CHANGES ON THE CURB.

OILS AND INVESTMENTS IRREGULAR.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The turnover was light and the market early ruled heavy, but offerings were well absorbed. Prices advanced on covering, although final quotations mostly showed only fractional changes. Oils were irregular, with movements narrow.

Among Utilities, Electric Bond and Share, Niagara and Hudson, American and Foreign Power warrants, and American Super-Power were supported. Investment issues were subjected to scattered liquidation before rallying. Industrials and Specialties were steady.

Eng. Equiv	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.
20⅞	Associated Gas and Electric A.	20¼	20
26	Brazilian Traction Light & Power	25¼	25
19 1/16	Cities Service	19⅛	18⅞
3¾	Creole Oil	3⅝	3⅝
47¾	Electric Bond and Share	46⅜	46
13⅝	Electric Shareholding Common	13¼	13
25¾	Ford (Canada) voting "A"	25	21⅝
18 1/16	Imperial Oil of Canada	18⅛	18¼
15 1/16	International Petroleum	14⅝	14⅝
20⅝	Middle West Utilities	20	19⅞
56¾	Newmont Mining	55⅛	55⅛
11 1/16	Niagara Hudson Power Corporation	11⅛	10¾
7⅝	Penn Road Corporation	7⅛	7
8¼	Silica Gel. Corporation	8	8
37⅞	Standard Oil of Indiana	36¾	36½
	FOREIGN SECURITIES.		
5¼	Associated Electrical Industries	5⅛	5⅛
2 1/16	Bwana M'Kubwa	2	2⅛
15 13/16	Ford (of England) £1 shares (f.p.)	15½	15½
11 7/16	General Elect. Ord.*	11⅛	11⅛
26¼	Hydro-Electric	25½	25⅝
2 3/16	Marconi Canada b	2½	2⅜
9⅛	Marconi Marine Ord.*	8⅞	8⅞
14 7/16	Roan Antelope a	14	13½

* American Deposit Receipt.
a Receipt represents four English shares.
b Warrants for Shares Sold.

COTTON ERRATIC

WORLD'S SUPPLY AT RECORD LEVEL.

EXCLUSIVE CABLE TO THE "SUNDAY TIMES."

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The selling movement which started before the holiday and caused a loss of about a dollar a bale yesterday continued during the early trading to-day and ran May to below 11c. for the first time since the middle of October.

The combination of liquidation and Southern selling depressed the market early, but more demand at below 11c. started a recovery of all the morning losses. The recent decline of half a cent. attracted more mill price-fixing, and caused "short" covering over the week-end.

That the low price level of commodities has failed to stimulate consumption thus far is shown by the Washington estimate of the wool figures for October showing 35,000,000 lb. this year, as compared with 52,000,000 last year.

The world's visible supply of all kinds of cotton aggregates 9,750,000 bales, which is the largest ever recorded, with an increase in the past week of both foreign and domestic growths.

The exports are now 50,000 bales behind last season. Norden estimates the yield at 14,210,000 bales, which is about the same as last time, when the Washington estimate was 14,438,000 bales of 500 lb. each.

Cotton opened steady and 4 to 7 points lower. Further recessions occurred owing to Southern and foreign selling, renewed liquidation on lower Liverpool cables, reports of an easier spot basis, and unfavourable trade accounts.

Early easiness on the Stock Market, coupled with a less active trade demand, also had a depressing effect, but a rally ensued under covering and reactionary buying.

The closing was very steady with old contracts 1 point up to a point down and new deliveries 4 points to 1 point higher. Spot quiet and unaltered.

Highest and lowest cotton prices in the last thirty seconds of trading at New York:—December, 10.44-10.44; January, 10.60-10.60. New contracts:—December, 10.50-10.48; January, 10.60-10.59; February, 10.71-10.71; March, 10.83-10.83; April, 10.96-10.96; May, 11.10-11.09; June, 11.16-11.16; July, 11.25-11.24; August, 11.29-11.29; September, 11.34-11.34; October, 11.41-11.40. Spot Middling at New York, 10.55.

Highest and lowest prices in the last minute of trading at New Orleans: December 10.50-10.50, January 10.58-10.58. Spot Middling at New Orleans 10.22.—Reuter.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

American futures opened about 4 points lower. Quotations hardened on a small amount of Continental buying, but the demand was not sustained, and prices again eased on week-end liquidations. Close quiet and steady at 4 to 6 points decline.

Egyptian contracts continued downward. Close was quiet, with Sakellaridis easing 2 points, whilst Upper December declined 11 and the rest of the list about 4 points.

Closing Futures:—American: December, 5.53; January, 5.57; February 5.63; March, 5.69; April 5.73; May, 5.81; June, 5.85; July, 5.90; August, 5.93; September 5.96; October, 6.00; November, 6.03; December, 6.06; January (1932), 6.10. Egyptian, Sakellaridis: December, 8.12; January, 8.15; March, 8.26; May, 8.40; July, 8.53; September, 8.67; October, 8.78. Upper: December, 6.19; January, 6.29; March, 6.42; May, 6.55; July, 6.67; September, 6.75; October, 6.86.

Spot.—Americans dull and 12 points lower. Brazilian spot quotations declined 12 points. Egyptians dull. "Extra Fine" is 25 and other Sakellaridis 15 points lower. Upper and Pilion values have declined 10 points. East Indians show a decline of 10 points.

Spot Quotations.—American Middling 5.79. Brazilian, Pernam Maceio, etc., Fair 5.74; Egyptian, Sakellaridis, F.G.F. 9.20; East Indian, M.G. Broach, Good—F.G. 4.30, Fine 4.50; Tinnevelly, F.G.F. 5.25, Good 5.45; M.G. Oomra Good 3.70, F.G. 3.90, Fine 4.10; M.G. Bengal, Good 3.50, F.G. 3.65, Fine 3.80.—Reuter.

AMERICAN PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

Wheat commenced steady, with old contracts ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up, and new ⅛c. up to unchanged. The close was steady, old being ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up and new ⅛c. down to ⅝c. up. December 74⅞ to 74⅜, March 77⅞ to 77⅜, May 79⅞. New Contracts: December 75 to 74⅞, March 77⅞ to 77⅜, May 80 to 79⅞, July 75⅞ to 75⅛.

Lard closed steady with futures unchanged to 7½ points higher. Spot unchanged. November 9.70, December 9.70, January 9.70, March 9.67½.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Wheat, steady ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up. No. 2 Amber Durum Spot 84⅞, No. 2 Mixed Durum Spot 82⅞, No. 2 Northern Manitoba Spot 73⅞, No. 2 Hard Winter Spot 89⅞, No. 2 Red Winter Spot 93⅜.

Petroleum steady. Kerosene, Standard White, in cases for export, f.o.b. New York, nominal; in barrels for export, f.o.b. New York, nominal; in barrels for export, f.o.b. Philadelphia, nominal. Mid-Continent Crude, 33 to 33.9 Baume, at well, 85 cents. Pennsylvania Crude, 1.45 to 1.85.

Sugar.—Covering and European buying absorbed week-end liquidation. Traders seemed inclined to limit fresh commitments and await developments from conferences abroad. The market closed barely steady, with futures unchanged to 1 point down. Spot unaltered. 96 Test Centrifugal Cuban Local Spot, 3.40. Dec., 1.35; Jan., 1.41; March, 1.47; May, 1.54; July, 1.62; Sept., 1.68 (1.68); Oct., 1.69.

NEW YORK, November 29.

Coffee at the opening was 10 to 5 points lower. Liquidation of the December option, with trade and foreign selling, owing to lower Brazilian cost and freight offers, depressed values. Market closed barely steady, Rio contracts showing declines of 5 to 11 points, and Santos grades losses of 21 to 8 points. Rio No. 7, 7½; Santos No. 4, 11¼. Futures, basis Rio No. 7: Dec., 6.50; Jan., 6.05; March, 5.70; May, 5.54; July, 5.47; Sept., 5.37; Oct., 5.37. Santos No. 4. Dec., 10.02; Jan., 9.60; March, 9.18; May, 8.87; July, 8.72; Sept., 8.58.

Cocoa.—Spot, 5⅞. Dec, 5.59; Jan., 5.69; March, 5.86; May, 6.04; July, 6.23; Sept., 6.38.—Reuter.

WINNIPEG WHEAT.

WINNIPEG, Saturday.

Wheat opened steady, but ⅛c. to ½c. down. Values declined in early trading owing to milder weather in the North-West, poor export interest, advices of beneficial rains in South Argentina, and in sympathy with easiness at Liverpool. Later the market rallied on news of rains in France delaying seedings, advices of the possibility of a sharp drop in Russian exports shortly, and reports that drought in India was causing some damage to new wheat. The close was steady, with futures ¾c. to ¼c. lower. December, 58¼; May, 63⅞; July, 65¼.—Reuter.

NEW YORK METALS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The following quotations are supplied by Messrs. C. S. Trench and Co.:—

Copper firmer, all 25 points up. Lake Spot delivered consuming Points in Middle West, 11.06 asked. Electrolytic Spot delivered Connecticut Valley, 11.00 asked. Electrolytic f.a.s. New York prompt delivery, 11.00 asked. Electrolytic f.a.s. New York 30-90 days, 11.00 asked. Casting f.o.b. New York Refinery, 10.75 asked.

Straits Tin steady 2½ points lower. Spot and Nearby New York 25.87½. Future option January 26.00.

Lead steady and unchanged. Spot New York 5.10. Spot East St. Louis 4.95.

Zinc steady and unaltered. Spot East St. Louis 4.07½.

The U.S. Copper Export Association quotes Copper c.i.f. Hamburg 12.30.—Reuter.

PARIS BOURSE QUIET.

PARIS, Saturday.

Owing to the settlement on Monday, business on the Bourse to-day was only of a small description, and price movements showed some irregularity. Government issues continued quiet, but local securities on the whole presented a steady appearance. Banque de France after being marked at 20,300 later recovered to 20,425, which showed an advance of 70 francs on the day. Internationals showed a better tendency. Rio Tintos were 15 francs higher at 3,800, and Suez Canal shares advanced 125 francs to 16,650.

On the Coulisse Diamond shares were irregular. De Beers Deferred rose 26 francs to 629, but the Preferred declined from 1,185 to 1,142. Gold Mining and Rubber shares were undecided, but Oil shares were occasionally better.—Reuter.

RUBBER UNCHANGED.

Little business was put through in the Mincing Lane market for rubber on Saturday, and prices remained unchanged at Friday's closing levels, which showed practically no variation on the week.

Spot November and December are now 4 9-16d. per lb., January-March 4⅝d., April-June 4¾d., July-September 4 15-16d., October-December 5 1-16d., and January-December 4 13-16d.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Rubber.—Outside prices, dull and inactive. First Latex Crepe Spot, 9 buyers. Smoked ribbed sheets spot, 9 buyers, 9⅛ sellers; December, 9 buyers; January-February-March, 9⅜ buyers, 9½ sellers. On Rubber Exchange of New York Contract "A" steady, unchanged, to 10 points up. December, 9.00; January, 9.10; March, 9.30; May, 9.60; July, 9.80; September, 10.00. Sales, 55 lots.—Reuter.

"SUNDAY TIMES" NEW YORK CLOSING PRICES

RAILROADS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.
193⅝	Atchison	188	186	81⅜	Illinois Central	79	77	54 3/16	Northern Pacific	53	52½
126 3/16	Atlantic C. L.	122½	120½	11 5/16	Int. R. C. Am.	11	11	61 1/16	Pennsylvania	59⅞	59
74⅛	Baltimore & O.	72	71½	41 1/16	Kans. City S.	40	40	91 5/16	Reading	89¼	89
44 11/16	Can. Pac. (New)	43⅜	42⅝	103	Louisvl. & Nash.	100	99	65 5/16	S. Louis S. Fran.	64	63⅛
43¼	Ches. & Ohio	42	42¼	¾	Mex. Nat. 1st Pf.	¾a	¾c	26¼	St. Louis S.W.	25½	28
7⅝	Chic. G. West.	7⅜	7½	½	Do. 2nd Pref.	½b	½d	1	Sea. Air Line	1	1
25⅜	Do. Prfd.	24⅝	24⅝	21⅝	Missri. K. & Tex.	21	20	103	Southern Pacific	100	98½x
7 1/16	Chic. Mil. St. P.	6⅞	7	74⅛	Do. Pref.	72	72	65⅛	Southern Rly.	63¼	62
12¼	Do. Pref.	11⅞	11⅝	28 13/16	Missouri Pacific	28	27	192 1/16	Union Pacific	186½	186
61 13/16	Chic. Rock Is.	60	62	103	Do. Pref.	100	100	18	Wabash New	17½	17
30⅛	Erie	29¼	28⅛	133⅜	N.Y. Central	129½	127⅜	44 13/16	Do. Pref. A.	43½	44
39⅝	Do. 1st Pf.	38½	43	86	New Haven	83½	82				
64⅝	Gt. Nthn. Pf.	62¾	62	208 13/16	Norfolk & West	202¾	202½x	16 1/16d.	Silver	35⅛	35⅜

a Bid, 1½ asked. b Bid, ⅝ asked. c Bid, 1½ asked, d Bid, ⅝ asked. g Asked. † Sale.

INDUSTRIALS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
105 9/16	Air Reduction	102½	100⅝	169 13/16	Eastman Kodak	165	164x	121 3/16	National Lead	118	118
203 13/16	Allied C. and Dye	198	196½	58 11/16	Elec. Stor. Bat.	57	57	57 11/16	Otis Elevator	56	55⅜
119½	Am. Can.	116	114⅝	31 13/16	Fox Film "A"	30⅞	30⅜	9⅝	Packard Motors	9⅜	9⅜
30⅜	Am. Loco.	29½	30¼	49 13/16	Gen. Electric	48½	47¾	45 7/16	Paramount Publix	44⅛	43¾
19 9/16	Am. Radiator	19	18¾	52 5/16	Gen. Foods Cor.	51⅜	51¼	62 13/16	Pullman Co.	61	60
35¼	Am. Rolling Mills	34¼	34	35 13/16	Gen. Motors	34⅞	34⅜	18 7/16	Remington Tpe.	17⅞	17⅝
53 3/16	Am. Smelt. & R.	51⅝	50¼	33½	Gillette Razor	32½	32	18	Republic I. & S.	17½	17½
51½	Am. Sugar Ref.	50	49⅝	20 1/16	Goodrich B. F.	19½	19⅛	45 5/16	Reynold Tob. B.	44⅝	44½
108⅛	Am. Tobac. "B"	105	106½	24 3/16	Hudson Motors	23½	23⅛	57 3/16	Sears-Robk.	55½	54
32 7/16	Anaconda	36⅜	34⅞	175 1/16	Ingersoll Rand	170	172	17	Stan. Brands	16½	16⅜
44 5/16	Atlantic Gulf	43	42	61	Int. Harvester	59¼	59¼	22½	Studebaker Co.	21⅞	21⅞
27 3/16	Baldwin Loco.	26⅜	26¼	64⅜	Int. Match Pref.	62½	62½	54 7/16	Tex. Gf Sul.	52⅞	52½
62 5/16	Bethlem. Steel	61⅛	60⅜	18 5/16	Intern. Nickel	18⅜	17⅞	63 1/16	Union Carbide	61¼	60¾
15 7/16	Celanese of Am.	15	13¾	7 1/16	Intern. Paper 'A'	6⅞	7	29⅝	United Aircraft	28¾	28
29 1/16	Cerro de Pasco	28¼	28	28 5/16	Kennecott Cop.	28⅛	26½	19 1/16	United Corp.	18½	18¼
29 1/16	Chile Copper	28¼	28¼	24 7/16	Kreuger & Toll	23¾	23½	68½	United Fruit	66½	66
18⅛	Chrysler Motor	17⅝	17¼	60¾	Lehman Corp.	59	58	70	U.S. In. Alcohol	68	66
11 7/16	Columbia Graph.	11⅛	10⅝	85½	Liggett Myers	83	82	14 5/16	U.S. Rubber	14½	14¼
50 7/16	Cont. Can.	49	49	58 5/16	Loew's Incor.	57¼	56	149⅝	U.S. Steel	145¼	144⅛
80⅞	Corn Prod. Rf.	78½	78	46⅜	Mack Trucks	45	44½	149⅝	Do. Pref.	145¼	145½
58 11/16	Crucible Steel	57	57	23 11/16	Montg. Ward	23	22¼	154½	Utah Copper	150g	150g
16¾	Davison Chem.	16¼	16¼	28 5/16	Nash Motors	27½	27⅜	54 3/16	Vanadium Cpn.	53	51½
69½	Drug Incorptd.	67½	67¼	80 5/16	Natl. Biscuit	78	77	102⅝	Westinghouse	99⅝	98⅜
90⅜	Du Pont Nms.	87¾	86⅞	31 13/16	Natl. Cash Reg.	30⅞	31	63 1/16	Woolworth	61¼	59
				44 11/16	Natl. Dairy	43⅜	42½				

g Asked.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
39¼	Am. & For. Power	38⅛	37¼	43¾	Elec. P. and L.	42½	42⅛	17¼	Radio Corpn.	16¾	16¼
193⅛	Am. Tel. and Tlg.	187½	186¼	7 13/16	Int. Rapid Trns.	27	27	70	Standard Gas	68	66½
37 3/16	Columbia Gas	36⅛	35⅛	27 11/16	Int. Tel. Teleg.	26⅞	27¼	28 1/16	United Gas Imp.	27¼	27⅛x
9¼	Comwlth. Sthn.	9	9	73	North Am. Co.	70⅞	69⅝	146¼	W. Union Tlg.	142	142
				75 13/16	Pub. Serv. N.J.	73⅝	71¾				

OILS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
21¾	Atlantic Refin.	21⅛	21¼	32 1/16	Shell	31⅛	30	54 3/16	Standard N.J.	52⅝	52½
44 5/16	Pan Amer. B	43	42	8½	Shell Union	8¼	8¼	25⅝	Do. N.Y.	24⅞	24⅞
10 5/16	Petroleum Corp.	10	10	13	Sinclair	12⅝	12⅞	39⅛	Texas Corpn.	38	37¾
40 5/16	Royal Dutch	39⅛	39¼	50 7/16	Stand. California	49	48¾	8½	Tri Continental	8¼	8¼

[Quotations from the "Sunday Times" New York Correspondent and Reuter's Agency.]

MONEY MARKET.

MORE OVERSEAS BILLS PLACED.

Saturday Afternoon.

Lombard Street's fears that somewhat stringent conditions would develop in the short-loan market during the past week have been fulfilled. The clearing banks have called in their credit fairly freely for the month's final balancing operations, while a large excess of payments for Treasury bills over the amount maturing, and a temporary lock-up of cash owing to heavy subscriptions to the new Central Electricity Board loan adversely affected working conditions.

The demand for accommodation in these circumstances was, at times, very strong, and, in the absence of any relief by way of special purchases of bills, up to 3½ per cent. had to be paid on Wednesday for fresh day-to-day advances.

In view of the impending Government interest payments, the discount market has become quite easy in tone, the rate for three months' fine commercial bills now being a weak 2 3-16 per cent., while the new Treasury bills are quoted at 2⅛ per cent. Further issues of bills have been placed privately in the market, borrowers during the week being the Chilean and New Zealand Governments, the former placing £2,000,000 bills maturing November, 1931, at 5½ per cent., and the latter £600,000 in bills running for rather more than three months at the excellent rate of 2 3-16 per cent.

—	Method of quoting.	Par of exch.	Quotations. Nov. 29	Nov. 22
Paris, cheques	Fr. to £	124.21	123.59-.61	123.59-.61
Berlin	Mks. to £	20.43	20.36½-¾	20.37¼-¾
Brussels, ch'ques	Belga to £	35.00	34.81½-.82½	34.83-.83½
Amst'rd'm. chqs.	Fl. to £	12.107	12.06½-⅝	12.06⅝-⅞
Italy, sight	Lire to £	92.46	92.75-92.78	92.76-92.80
Greece	Drch. to £	375	374½-375¼	374½-375¼
Madrid, sight	Pes. to £	25.22½	43.45-43.55	42.85-42.90
Lisbon, sight	Escudo	4.50	108⅛-⅜	108⅛-⅜
Switz'rl'nd, sight	Fr. to £	25.22½	25.07-.07½	25.05½-.06
Oslo, sight	Kr. to £	18.159	18.15½-.16½	18.15½-.16½
Stockholm, sight	Kr. to £	18.159	19.09-.09¼	18.09¼-¾
Copenhagen, s'gt	Kr. to £	18.159	18.15¼-¾	18.16-.16½
Helsingfors	Mks. to £	193.23	192¾-193	192¾-193
Vienna	Sh. to £	34.58½	34.48-34.51	34.49-34.52
Alexandria, sight	Pstrs. to £	97½	97⅛-97⅜	97⅛-97⅜
Prague	Kr. to £	164.25	163 11/16-13/16	163¾-⅞
Bucharest	Lei to £	813.6	817-819	817-819
Bombay, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5 23/32d.	1s. 5 23/32d.
Calcutta, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5 23/32d.	1s. 5 23/32d.
Hong Kong, T.T.	d. to dol.	—	1s. 3d.	1s. 3½d.
Shanghai, T.T.	d. to tael	—	1s. 6⅞d.	1s. 7¼d.
Singapore, T.T.	d. to dol.	2s. 4d.	2s. 3¾d.	2s. 3 13/16d.
Kobe	Yen	24.57d.	2s. 0 13/32d.	2s. 0 13/32d.
New York, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅔	4.85½-17/32	4.85 9/16-⅝
Montreal, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅔	4.85¼-½	4.84⅞-.85
Rio de J., T.T.	d. to mil.	5.89d.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Buenos A's, T.T.	Dollar	47.58d.	38 3/16-38⅝	38 7/16-38 9/16
Valp'r'iso, 90d'ys	Pesos to £	40	39.80	39.88
Montevideo, T.T.	d. to dol.	51d.	38½-39	38¾-39¼
Lima	Sols to £	12.166	15.65	15.75

RHODESIAN COPPER.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR JOINT WORKING ARRANGEMENT.

CAPETOWN, Saturday.

Negotiations are now taking place for a fusion of interests of Rhodesian Congo Border, N'Changa, and Bwana M'Kubwa.

An agreement would mean a joint saving of £3,000,000 by the erection of a central treating plant instead of maintaining separate equipments.

An official denial of the report that the Rio Tinto Mining Co. were endeavouring to acquire control of the Bwana M'Kubwa Mines is given in the financial section of the "Cape Times" this morning. It is denied that any such suggestion was ever discussed. —Ex. Tel.

SOUTHDOWN MOTOR.

FURTHER ISSUE ON BONUS TERMS.

To provide additional funds for the further development of the business the directors of Southdown Motor Services have decided to issue at once on bonus terms 150,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each, the creation of which was authorised on November 20.

These will be offered at par to the shareholders in the proportion of one share in respect of each two now held. The existing Ordinary shares stand at 55s. 3d.

The price will be payable as to 5s. per share on application, 5s. on allotment, the balance of 10s. being payable on or before February 2 next.

BREWERY PROFITS.

P. PHIPPS'S DIVIDEND MAINTAINED.

P. Phipps and Co., the Northampton brewers, earned a net profit of £123,539 in the year to September 30, comparing with £122,033 in 1928-29. The Preference dividend absorbed £8,750, and the Ordinary dividend, maintained at 2s. 9d. per share (13¾ per cent.) tax free, requires £91,313.

The reserve fund is raised to £200,000, with the allocation of another £20,000 and £65,784 against £62,308 is carried forward.

MASSEY'S RESULTS.

Owing to the industrial depression in the area served, sales of Massey's Burnley Brewery receded in the past year, with the result that the profit dropped from £118,589 to £91,426.

Charges, including interest, absorbed £66,219 against £63,035, and after meeting the First Preference dividend of 6 per cent. the Second Preference get 7 per cent. compared with 8 per cent., and the Ordinary 5 per cent. compared with 8 per cent., the balance forward being reduced from £18,179 to £5,879.

HARRODS (BUENOS AIRES).

SPECIAL PROVISION FOR LOSS ON EXCHANGE.

The full report of Harrods (Buenos Aires) just issued confirms the profit figures mentioned in the preliminary statement. Revenue amounted to £571,503, compared with £612,283. Loss on exchange absorbed £37,928 (against nil), and depreciation written off plant, etc., £31,246 (£32,167). The premises account again received £5,000, and reserve for income-tax £27,000, compared with £19,000, leaving a net balance of £470,329, a decrease of £85,786.

After meeting interest and redemption on Funding Certificates and the Preference dividend, the reserve fund is allocated £27,570, against £33,149, while £70,000 is placed to exchange reserve (against nil). The Ordinary dividend is 5 per cent., compared with 8⅓ per cent., and £122,592 is carried forward, against £122,029 brought in.

The directors have transferred from special reserve to exchange reserve £70,000 as a provision against the loss which would arise upon the conversion of the floating assets and liabilities in Argentina into sterling at the rate of exchange current at August 31. They have, as mentioned above, also allocated £70,000 to exchange reserve out of the year's profits, with a view to providing against the loss on exchange which may be incurred in the current year

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

AFRICAN LAKES.—Loss for 1929 £1,501, after crediting £5,939 brought in.

JOKAI (ASSAM) TEA.—Interim dividend of 4 per cent., less tax, on Ordinary, payable Dec. 19.

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.—Usual interim dividend of 1s. 4d. per share will be paid on Ordinary on December 6.

BRITISH OVERSEAS BANK.—Net profit for year to October 31 £140,446, decrease of £19,482. Dividend on "A" and "B" capital maintained at 6 per cent. £5,000 (same) to Premises account. Forward £73,577, increase of £15,447.

ANGLO-ORIENTAL AND GENERAL INVESTMENT TRUST.—It is anticipated that the company and its associated concerns will be ready to move into their new Registered Offices at 55-61, Moorgate, E.C.2 about the third week in December.

BOWATER'S PAPER MILLS.—Trading profits for year to September 30 was £151,734, against £103,201. Net profit was £105,209, against £77,396, which included interest earned on new capital temporarily invested. £35,000 is placed to capital reserve and depreciation fund (against £22,500), and general reserve is allocated £20,000 (against £8,500). Dividend is unchanged at 7½ per cent., forward £38,763, against £28,491.

To-day's Broadcasting Programme will be found on page 5, column 4.

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THE DRAMATIC WORLD.

AN OLD QUESTION.

By JAMES AGATE.

Old Vic. Monday, November 24.

"ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA."

Revival of Shakespeare's Tragedy.

Mr. Harcourt Williams tells us that he has "followed Mr. Granville-Barker's suggestions . . . and abandoned an 'archæological accuracy' unknown to Shakespeare for such garments as are to be seen in the pictures of Paul Veronese, *which is probably how the author saw his Romans habited*." The italics are mine, and I want to say at once that I boggle at Mr. Williams's speculative courage. Obviously, Shakespeare was familiar with the wardrobe of the Globe Theatre, and must have known that to the playgoer of his day there would be very little in outward show between the nobility of Verona and the gentry of Eastcheap, and only a helmet or so between the antique Roman and the Dane. But Shakespeare had as many consciousnesses as the rest of us, and I will not believe that he refused to let his mind's eye see his characters in their habits as they lived. Take that play which begins: "Macbeth. Act One. Scene One. An Open Place. Thunder and Lightning. Enter Three Witches." Can anybody believe that the poet saw *only* the wooden stage, and was unconscious of the wet and wiry heath? Again, when Shakespeare wrote the line about Cæsar's mantle and the rent in it the envious Casca made, are we to suppose that in his mind's eye he saw a breach in one of Paul Veronese's *cramoisi* velvets, though he knew quite well that this is what the spectator would, in effect, see?

The Poet's Inward Eye.

Can it be doubted that Shakespeare, when he wrote "Antony and Cleopatra," was thinking in terms other than those of the little theatre near the river? If we read again Heredia's sonnet and Gautier's short story we shall see how two lesser writers got so much of the quality of sheer heat into their lines that both Roman and Egyptian may be said, with a slight difference, to be "singeing their pates against the burning zone." Must we then chain the greater writer to those planks and that straw-covered, spittle-strewn floor, and deny him thought of the Egyptian oven? Probably Shakespeare had the twofold consciousness, for if we insist upon confining his attention to the playhouse we must also assume that every line of Cleopatra's part was written not with the great gipsy in mind but with an eye to that slightly ridiculous figure, Master Willie Hughes. Which is absurd. But being, among other things, a practical playwright, Shakespeare took care to give the pair less than the normal amatory provision, for the reason that whereas a boy-actor might be presumed to cope with Juliet by virtue of his youth, the presumption in the case of a full-blown virago like Cleopatra could hardly be risked. "Probably," to echo Mr. Williams, the Antony and Cleopatra whom Shakespeare inwardly saw were those whom to-day's reader of the play visualises. Shakespeare doubtless had his nose deeper in Plutarch than most of us, but this can hardly have helped him very much in the matter of archæological accuracy. What the poet saw is probably that which we see, for Antony something vaguely Roman and concerned with greaves, for Cleopatra something vaguely Egyptian but definitely snaky.

A Chill Pair.

It is possible that a stylised production requires stylised acting. This production certainly got it. Miss Dorothy Green, looking like one of the lovelier Lelys, gave a straight-laced and highly refrigerative performance of the arch-hussy, holding her, as it were, at arm's length. Miss Green is an extremely intelligent actress, and it cannot be doubted that she knew what the part was about. But her physical means were against her, and to use pure intellect to suggest what Enobarbus calls pure love is to ensure failure. Cleopatra is a part to be played by the temperament and the temperament alone. Miss Green possesses nothing of this; her weapon is, like Othello's sword, of the ice-brook's temper. This actress is a great mistress of polished comedy, and the most she could do with Shakespeare's play was to give it Dryden's modish twist. Or you might say that there is no question here of "a gipsy's lust" but rather of Lady Sneerwell in a coming-on disposition. Not only of the sensuality, but also of the little meannesses and vulgarities in Cleopatra there was no hint. We could not reconcile this lady, dying not more fastidiously than she had lived, with that talk about lovers' pinches and that ill-bred jealousy of Iras, just as, earlier on, when Antony told his mistress that though she could guess what temperance should be, she knew not what it was, we felt that he was merely being rude.

As this supremely great play's "bellows and fan," as the sensualist who has glutted every intellectual and physical appetite and is now come to the end of his gormandising, Mr. Gielgud handicapped himself by "a growth of veeds of an alarmin' and sangvinary natur," as Sam Weller said of Mr. Smangle—in other words, a beard. Add a harp to this actor's attire and he would have made a very creditable Wolfram; a staff and bedgown would have turned him into a friar. There is talk in the play of Antony being barber'd ten times o'er, whereas Mr. Gielgud implied the desert's contempt for razors. Patently not the man for whom a boar was spitted every quarter of an hour, and less the "triple pillar" of the world than the accomplished ornament of some forum. In fact, when the nobility was present in bulk one had to look carefully to find out which was Antony! That both players were miscast for the amatory hurly-burly was most clearly seen when that subsided and they could set about the trumpeting and flutings with which they salute death. After all, when you are floored with a mortal wound or seated high on that last throne, it matters very little what kind of life you have led. From the beginning of the third part to the end of the play both Mr. Gielgud and Miss Green acted superbly, always with the exception of Cleopatra's last flicker of vulgarity in the matter of Iras. In the closing scenes there is no further question of the body. All is spirit, and to this these fine artists rendered justice.

St. James's. Wednesday, November 26.

"A MURDER HAS BEEN ARRANGED."

A Play. By Emlyn Williams.

The capital, or part of it, has been seriously divided as to the merits of Mr. Emlyn Williams's play, since some playgoers profess to have been riveted to their seats with horror, while others admit to moving about the foyer with normal nonchalance. Both parties are right. Mr. Williams has attempted to shake the mind by horrors of the mind; unfortunately he has not been quite successful, and for this reason: that which is truly horrid in his play is the last ten minutes, which means that the previous two and four-fifth acts have been devoted to preparation, which is too long. If this author will take a look round he will see that all tales of "mystery and imagination" are short. And, again, for this reason, that nobody can horripilate who is allowed to think of anything else except the immediate cause for horripilation.

Obviously the playwright does not live who could frighten a spectator for two and a-half hours, which is why all the Grand Guignol plays are short. To make a full-length play Mr. Williams has had to stiffen his situation with other material belonging to normal affrightment. The culminating situation itself harks back to "Macbeth." Macbeth sees an empty chair filled by the ghost of a man he *knows* he has killed. The chair in Mr. Williams's play is filled by the ghost of a man the villain *believes* he has killed. But since the scoundrel does not believe in ghosts, it follows that he takes the apparition to be the real man whom he can have done no more than scotch. This leads to the blurting out of a confession by the murderer, and the play ends on the material plane of the crime-shocker.

A more serious criticism is that the play does not start as, for example, do such stories as "The Turn of the Screw" or "The Fall of the House of Usher" with a definite horror which develops along its own lines. Mr. Williams has chosen the poorer way of assembling to one culminating point a number of strands which have nothing to do with each other. Sir Charles Jasper, a dabbler in the occult, has written a book about whatever theatre Mr. Willams's play was destined to be performed in. This theatre is supposed to have a ghost-tradition of enormous complication involving a murdered man and a ghostly dumb woman who shall appear to confound the murderer. At the beginning of the play we are told that a man has been murdered in the theatre a week earlier, and that the dumb woman has appeared. Then we are switched on to another kind of plot, for it now appears that if Sir Charles lives till eleven o'clock on the night the play is being performed, he will inherit two million pounds, to celebrate which he has engaged the theatre for a party. Presently, it appears that the man found murdered in the theatre was not murdered there at all, and we are to know later that the dumb woman is only an epileptic lady who has lost her way. The whole of this cumbrous machinery, then, has been evoked to prepare us for the fact that the theory of Sir Charles's book will be proved by his own death and the power of his own ghost to bring his murderer to justice. The strands, you see, are both numerous and complicated, and the mind endeavouring to disentangle them is thereby held in equilibrium. I hope Mr. Williams will forgive me for saying that my own pulse never at any time beat faster. Other people, other pulses, of course.

On the credit side must be put this author's very sure sense of the stage and the fact that as he got nearer his horror the play grew in interest. If I may advise I will suggest that Mr. Williams should take his next leaf out of the Grand Guignol book, since across the Channel they have realised that fate and metaphysical aid can permit itself two acts only, one to get an audience ready for frightening and another to frighten it. Miss Margaretta Scott proved a welcome addition to the ranks of our leading ladies. But the evening really belonged to Mr. Henry Kendall, who showed what a brilliant and subtle actor he can be when, for once in a way, he is allowed to desist from mere fooling.

Fortune. Wednesday, November 26.

"THE MAN FROM BLANKLEYS."

Revival of F. Anstey's Comedy.

Our optimists are never tired of saying that the theatre which can provide good plays well acted at cheap prices has nothing to fear from the cinema. This much-debated matter can now be settled, for here, with the establishment of the People's Theatre, are, so to speak, the time, the place, and the loved one all together. It is very doubtful whether the last forty years have produced a more amusing farcical comedy than Anstey's old favourite, and it is not doubted at all that an excellent cast has been assembled to revive it. The list of good names should make every playgoer's mouth water, and Mr. Guy Newall could not have pleased better than by re-creating every accent, intonation, and idiosyncrasy of that great comedian Charles Hawtrey, including the trick of the straight arm held firmly by the side. Is the piece old-fashioned? Yes, and a very good old fashion, too!

Criterion. Tuesday, November 25.

"GENERAL JOHN REGAN."

Revival of George A. Birmingham's Comedy.

Possibly the thing to remember about this play is its date. The first act always moved a little slowly, and we had time the other evening to reflect that by the great light of Mr. O'Casey's later humour that of Mr. Birmingham twinkles but feebly. Fortunately, when once the play gets going it needs no illumination but its own, and that suffices. The other evening it gathered pace famously. If Mr. Fred O'Donovan's Dr. Lucius O'Grady was a little monotonous there was never-ending compensation in the infinite cretinism of Mr. O'Rourke's Golligher, from whose moon-struck mentality intelligence had finally flitted if indeed it had ever been in residence.

Aldwych. Monday, November 24.

"MARRY THE GIRL."

A Farce.

By George Arthurs and Arthur Miller.

At the moment this play is disappointing, though next year's audiences will probably have been given reason to think differently. The plot concerns Mr. Ralph Lynn's failure to carry out his promise to marry Miss Winifred Shotter and his success in evoking the ire of that young lady's mother, Miss Mary Brough. The first two acts are dullish, the full tide of hilarity setting in only when Mr. Lynn in the witness-box confesses to having stood Miss Shotter various presents, including ice-cream. "Ah!" says Mr. J. Robertson Hare in the full panoply of ermine, "I know. Stop me and buy one!" Constructive as always, I respectfully suggest to Mr. Tom Walls, who on this occasion plays a barrister in his own person, that he should remember the days when he invited us to contemplate him as a bibulous walrus of sixty or thereabouts. Than which Creation holds nothing funnier. Should Mr. Kenneth Kove, the idol of nine years at this house, have been omitted from the cast? The answer is, as Lear says:—"Never, never, never, never, never!" There was a part which was obviously made for him, and a stricken house mourned his absence. If it be not too late . . . But I suppose one can be too constructive.

Princes. Thursday, November 27.

"OH, DADDY!"

A Farce. By Austin Melford.

The only thing which fell flat about this entertainment was a super-giant xylophone which insisted during the interval upon perpetrating Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody (number unnecessary) a good quarter-tone below its accompanist's pitch. For the rest the show was top-hole. Mr. W. H. Berry, in magnificent form, appeared as a Vice-President of the League of Purity for Part-time Workers, and in that capacity proceeded to be vamped by, or to vamp, his own daughter. There was a moment when this comedian, seated on a garden wall and his head bound with a wet towel, declared himself to be the Sulphate of Zinc. Mr. Robert Nainby was excellent as a wart upon the face of Nature, and Miss Heather Thatcher, looking remarkably like Miss Mary Newcomb in her more intense moments, was faithful to her author even unto saying: "Let you and I go into the garden." Let we suggest that this, though done, is not said. An excellent show of its kind, much appreciated by a large house.

The next production of the Incorporated Stage Society, "The Borrowed Life," by Gladys Parrish, will be given on December 14 and 15 at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, kindly lent by Mr. André Charlot and Mr. George Barraud. "The Borrowed Life" is a play inspired by the latter part of the life of Turgeniev, when he was living in Paris in the family of Viardot Garcia, the opera singer. Turgeniev (Stanin in the play) will be played by Mr. Alan Napier. Others in the cast are Mr. Glen Byam Shaw, Mr. Grenville Eves, Miss Clare Harris, Miss Miriam Lewes, Mr. Jack Minster, Mr. F. Kinsey Peile, Mr. Elliot Seabrooke, and Mr. George Zucco.

Rehearsals for "Peter Pan," which will be presented for matinées only at the London Palladium from December 22, begin to-morrow under the personal supervision of Sir James Barrie. The cast is to include Miss Jean Forbes-Robertson, Mr. George Curzon, Miss Stella Patrick Campbell, Miss Mary Casson, Mr. Jimmy Hanley, Mr. Freddie Springett, Mr. George Elliston, Miss Jenny Wren, Mr. Ralph Hazel, Mr. Jack Skinner, Mr. W. G. Manning, Mr. Douglas Beaumont, and Mr. James C. Wilton.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

THIS WEEK'S PREMIERES.

To-night.—Arts: Quadruple Bill.
Dec. 1.—Dominion: Maurice Chevalier.
Dec. 2.—Prince of Wales's: "The Queen Bee."
Dec. 3.—Adelphi: "Evergreen."
Little: "Caviare."
Arts: "The King of Schnorrers."
Dec. 4.—Comedy: "Twelve Hours."
Faculty: "Rosmersholm."
Dec. 5.—Savoy: "Wonder Bar."
Dec. 7.—Holborn Empire: "In Abraham's Bosom." (Masses Stage and Film Guild).
Piccadilly: "Carl and Anna." (Venturers' Society).

The opening date of "Evergreen" at the Adelphi has been settled at last; Mr. Cochran is to present this long-awaited musical play on Wednesday evening next, at 8 p.m. The clash with Mr. André Charlot's production of "Wonder Bar," at the Savoy, is thus avoided; it has, indeed, been doubly avoided, for Mr. Charlot, too, has postponed his first night to Friday. Tuesday night is consequently left free for "The Queen Bee," which is to be presented at the Prince of Wales's Theatre on that date.

The cast of "The Queen Bee" includes Miss Iris Hoey, Mr. George Barraud, Mr. Frederick Leister, Mr. Denys Blakelock, Mr. Guy Pelham-Boulton, Miss Renee Gadd, and Mr. Ballard Berkeley. Miss Hoey plays "The Woman," and the action passes in her parents' house, in her husband's entrance hall, in her lover's flat and in the graveyard. Mr. Barraud, by the way, is a young English actor who, though not generally known in this country as an actor on the "legitimate" stage, is a successful film actor, and in America he was leading man when Miss Renée Kelly acted there in "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," "The Naughty Wife," and "Brown Sugar."

Next Sunday evening the Venturers' Society will present at the Piccadilly Theatre Mr. Herbert Duncombe's adaptation of "Carl and Anna," which had a success with the New York Theatre Guild. Mr. Henry Oscar, who is producing, is also playing an important part, and the cast will include Miss Angela Baddeley, Miss Isobel Elsom, and Mr. Roger Livesey. The action takes place at a prison camp on the Russian frontier during the war. A fortnight later the Venturers will give the banned American play, "The Last Mile." This will be produced by Mr. Ben Weldon.

Miss Mary Newcomb will play a comedy part in "A Marriage Has Been Disarranged," by Leonard Ide, which opens to-morrow at Eastbourne, and comes to the Royalty on Tuesday week. Her rôle is that of Irene, the eldest daughter of the widowed Princess Sazanoff, through whom the family is enabled to live in great comfort in a villa in the English suburb of Constantinople, but who finally revolts. Lady Tree also has a comedy part as the Princess; Miss Betty Moore and Miss Mary Hinton are her other daughters, and Mr. Marcus Barron her brother, Mr. S. J. Warmington is Irene's husband, and Mr. Brian Aherne a wealthy young man visiting the family; and others in the cast are Miss Margaret Cochran, Mr. Algernon Mills, Mr. D. C. Lowndes, and Miss Lindisferne Hamilton. Mr. Leon M. Lion will produce as well as present the play.

"Petticoat Influence," which was transferred last week to the New Theatre, is now being given there with great success; a visit during the week found Sir Nigel Playfair and Miss Diana Wynyard playing with their usual polish, and the whole piece going with a swing. It has, by the way, now reached its 200th performance. Another successful piece, "The Way to Treat a Woman," at the Whitehall, reaches its 200th performance on Thursday next.

When the stage version of Mr. Hugh Walpole's novel, "The Cathedral," is produced at the Players Theatre to-morrow week by the Swanage Repertory Theatre, Mr. Norman V. Norman, who returns to the stage for the first time after a year's illness, will play the leading part of the Archdeacon, while others in the cast will be Mr. Geoffrey Clarke, Mr. Rupert Siddons, Mr. Arthur Ewart, Mr. Atholl Fleming, Miss Christine Silver, Miss Doris Hilditch, and Miss Buena Bent.

The Children's Theatre will reopen on December 23 with "Jack and the Beanstalk," a pantomime by Margaret Carter, at 2.15 p.m., and a variety programme at 5.45. The latter will include "The House That Jack Built," "Le Petit Chasseur," and the "Lure of the Fairy Hill"; there will be revivals of Eric Forbes Boyd's play, "The Pirate's Daughter," and "The Statue," a mime play by Leslie French.

Sir Nigel Playfair will reopen the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, on December 20 for a short Christmas season of ballet with Mme. Karsavina and the Marie Rambert Dancers. The programme will include "Carnival," in which Karsavina will take her original part; two children's ballets, "The Tale of a Lamb," with music by Grovlez, and "A Scene in a Florentine Chapel," with music by Corelli; "Capriol Suite," by Frederick Ashton, and "Les Sylphides." At the end of this ballet season Sir Nigel will inaugurate a scheme, which he has long had in mind, of presenting a series of light operas in English.

On Thursday the Faculty Theatre will present Ibsen's "Rosmersholm." The cast will include Miss Betty Potter, Mr. John Laurie, Mr. Neil Porter, Mr. Reyner Barton, Miss Marjorie Gabain, and Mr. Neil Curtis. Mr. Ralph Neale will produce. This revival will be followed by a new comedy, which will be produced by Mr. John C. Trevor.

Miss Maisie Gay is to take the place of Miss Sophie Tucker in "Follow a Star," which will resume its run (to be suspended on Saturday) at the Winter Garden Theatre at Christmas time, when new numbers will be introduced.

Miss Constance Carpenter will be the principal girl and Miss Myrtle Peter the Fairy Queen in "Robinson Crusoe," this year's Lyceum pantomime. In the interests of rehearsals, "The House of Danger" ends its run on Saturday next.

The revival of "The Grain of Mustard Seed" at the Ambassadors will shortly end its run, as Mr. H. M. Harwood does not think that a political play is suitable for the Christmas holidays. The next production, to be presented by Major Frank Vernon and Jose Levy, in conjunction with H. M. Harwood, will be a new comedy, "To See Ourselves," by Miss E. M. Delafield, the novelist. It is her first play. The leading parts will be played by Mr. Nicholas Hannen and Miss Marda Vanne.

Miss Louise Hampton, Miss Viola Lyel, Miss Barbara Gott, Mr. Henry Caine, Mr. Frank Moore, Mr. Frank Pettingell, and Mr. Colin Keith-Johnston (his first appearance in London since he finished playing Stanhope in "Journey's End" in New York) will have the leading parts in "Jane's Legacy," the new comedy by Eden Phillpotts which Sir Barry Jackson will present at the Duchess Theatre on December 16. The action takes place 100 years ago in a small West-country village, and the characters are poor village people. The play will be produced by Mr. H. K. Ayliff, with settings designed by Mr. Paul Shelving.

Miss Jean Sterling Mackinlay and Mr. Harcourt Williams will begin their annual Children's Matinées at the Rudolf Steiner Hall on Saturday, December 20.

The Comedy reopens on Thursday with a new "thriller" (without mechanical thrills, I am told), "Twelve Hours." Mr. Archibald Nettlefold is giving two performances of the play for the Adair Fund war wounded before it is actually put before the public.

D. P.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

The twenty-seventh annual Scottish Festival Service will be relayed on the National programme this afternoon from St. Columba's, Pont Street. Professor S. Alexander will be the tenth contributor to the discussion on "Science and Religion." In the evening the Irwell Springs Band will broadcast.

NATIONAL (1,554.4 metres).

10.30-10.45.—Time and Weather.
2.15.—Church Cantata (No. 36) Bach: Schwingt Freudig Euch Empor (Soar joyously on high); Kate Winter (soprano), Muriel Middleton (contralto), Eric Greene (tenor), Keith Falkner (bass); Wireless Chorus; B.B.C. Orchestra.
3.0-4.0.—Scottish Festival Service: Sermon by Rev. J. Harry Miller, relayed from St. Columba's, Pont Street.
4.15.—Quintet Instrumental de Paris: René Le Roy (flute), Micheline Kahn (harp), René Bas (Violin), Pierre Grout (viola), and Roger Boulme (violoncello).
5.15.—Wireless Choir.
5.45-6.15.—Science and Religion—10, by Professor S. Alexander, from Manchester.
8.0.—Service: City Temple Quartet; Bessie Lang (soloist); Address by Rev. E. Griffith-Jones, from the City Temple.
8.45.—Dialogue between Leon M. Lion, Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies and Mrs. Seymour Obermer, on behalf of Heritage Craft Schools, Chailey, Sussex.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Irwell Springs Band; Oliver Cookson (bass), Kathleen Moorhouse (violoncello), H. Pollard (trombone), from Manchester.
10.30.—Epilogue.

LONDON NATIONAL (261.3 metres).

2.15-6.15.—National.
8.0-10.40.—National.

LONDON REGIONAL (356.3 metres).

3.30.—Pianoforte Recital by Elsie Hall.
4.0.—Wireless Military Band; Maurice Eisenberg (violoncello).
5.0-5.15.—Bible Reading: The Letters of St. Paul, 18—2 Timothy, Ch. 2, 3, and 4.
8.0.—Service: Sermon by Preb. H. F. B. Mackay, from All Saints', Margaret Street.
8.45.—National.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—Orchestra Concert; B.B.C. Orchestra, conducted by Malcolm Sargent; Antoni Sala (violoncello).
10.30.—Epilogue.

MIDLAND REGIONAL (479.2 metres).

3.30.—Midland Studio Orchestra; Percy Underwood (baritone); Una Truman (pianoforte).
5.0-5.15.—London Regional.
7.50.—Service, conducted by Canon Guy Rogers, relayed from St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham.
8.45.—Mr. W. W. Hind-Smith appeals for Young Helpers' League.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—London Regional.
10.30.—Epilogue.

MANCHESTER (376.4 metres) and **LEEDS** (200 metres).—2.15.—National. 4.15.—Northern Wireless Orchestra. 5.45-6.15.—National. 8.0.—Service: Address by Bishop of Manchester, from Manchester Cathedral. 8.45.—Dr. Hewlett Johnson appeals for the Chronicle Cinderella Club Sunshine Home. 8.50.—National. 9.5.—Irwell Springs Band; H. Pollard (trombone solo), Oliver Cookson (bass), Katheen Moorhouse (violoncello). 10.30.—Epilogue.

NEWCASTLE, LIVERPOOL, BRADFORD, SHEFFIELD, HULL, and STOKE-ON-TRENT (288.5 metres).—2.15-6.15.—National. 8.0.—National. 8.45.—Manchester. 8.50.—National. 9.5.—London Regional. 10.30.—Epilogue.

CARDIFF (309.9 metres).—2.15-6.15—National. 8.0-8.50.—National. 9.5.—National Orchestra of Wales; Edith Penville (flute), May Blyth (soprano), relayed from Park Hall, Cardiff. 10.0.—National 10.30.—Epilogue. 10.40-11.0.—Silent Fellowship.

SWANSEA (288.5 metres).—2.15-6.15.—National. 8.0-8.50.—National. 9.5.—London Regional. 10.30.—Epilogue. 10.40-11.0.—Cardiff.

BELFAST (242.3 metres).—2.15-4.0.—National. 4.15.—Symphony Orchestra; Rispah Goodacre (contralto), Carrodus Taylor (violoncello). 5.45-6.15.—National. 8.0-8.45.—Service: Address by Rev. W. Jaspar Robinson, from a studio. 8.50-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

BOURNEMOUTH (288.5 metres) and **PLYMOUTH** (288.5 metres).—2.15-6.15.—National. 8.0-8.50.—National. 9.5.—London Regional. 10.30.—Epilogue.

GLASGOW (398.9 metres).—2.15-6.15.—National. 8.0.—National. 8.45.—Rev. Professor Robert Morton appeals for Glasgow Society of Social Service. 8.50-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

ABERDEEN (301.5 metres).—2.15-6.15.—National. 8.0.—National. 8.45.—Lady Simpson appeals for Aberdeen Children's Shelter. 8.50-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

DUNDEE (288.5 metres) and **EDINBURGH** (288.5 metres).—2.15-6.15.—National. 8.0-8.50.—National. 9.5.—London Regional. 10.30.—Epilogue.

DUBLIN (413 metres).—8.30.—Gramophone Selection. 8.45.—Vocal and Instrumental Variety Concert: Betty Byrne and T. Collins (violin and vocal recital), Mike Nono (in songs at the piano), Margaret Dempsey (soprano) (violin obbligatos by Lena Dempsey), Gertrude Quinn and company in a short sketch, and Pearl O'Donnell in Scottish songs. 10.0.—The Garda Siochana (Depôt) Band, Phœnix Park.

INTERESTING ITEMS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY.—6.40.—Old Italian Songs, sung by Mary Bonin and John Thorne (also each evening). 7.45.—Vaudeville. 9.40.—Violin Recital by Renée Chemet (National).
8.35.—B.B.C. Orchestra (London Regional).
7.30.—"Getting Ready" (Midland).

TUESDAY.—8.0.—"Some Weird Stars," by Sir James Jeans. 9.40.—Marius B. Winter and his dance orchestra and a relay from the London Pavilion (National).
9.0.—Concert by the Railway Clearing House Male Voice Choir (London Regional).
9.0.—Concert by the Dunlop Works Band (Midland).

WEDNESDAY.—8.0.—B.B.C. Symphony Concert. 10.10.—Gershom Parkington Quintet (National).
8.35.—"Contrasts" (London Regional and Midland).

THURSDAY.—7.45.—Wireless Military Band, 9.40.—Vaudeville (National).
8.45.—"If," by Lord Dunsany (London Regional).
7.30.—Symphony Concert (Midland).

FRIDAY.—7.45.—"If." 9.50.—Orchestral Concert (National).
7.10.—Vaudeville (London Regional and Midland).

SATURDAY.—8.50.—Message by the Rev. P. B. Clayton at the Toc H. Birthday Festival, relayed from the Albert Hall. 9.35.—"Contrasts" (National).
7.25.—"Little Miss Make-Believe" (London Regional and Midland).
9.0.—William Turner's Annual Concert (Midland).

FOREIGN FEATURES.

BERLIN (418 metres, 1.7 kw.).—3.30.—Wind Instrument Music. 5.45.—Oscar Wilde Recital on Thirtieth Anniversary of his Death. 6.20.—Violin Recital. 7.0.—Orchestral Concert with Songs.

BRUSSELS (508.5 metres, 1.2 kw.).—6.0.—Dance Music. 8.15.—Orchestral Concert. Overture, "Benvenuto Celline" (Berlioz). Ballet Music from "Les petits riens" (Mozart). Aria from "Admeto" (Handel). Songs, Italian Caprice (Tchaikovsky). Piano Solo. Suite algérienne (Saint-Saëns).

BUDAPEST (550 metres, 23 kw.).—4.15.—Concert from Works of Lehár. 6.0.—Recital of Hungarian Songs.

COPENHAGEN (281 metres, 1 kw.) and **KALUNDBORG** (1,158 metres, 10 kw.).—12 (noon).—Talk in English, "England and her Colonies." 7.2.—Classical Operetta Music. 9.0.—Orchestral and Soloist Concert. 9.50.—Dance Music.

LANGENBERG (478 metres, 17 kw.) and **COLOGNE** (227 metres).—7.30.—"The Land of Smiles," Operetta (Lehár).

HILVERSUM (298.8 metres, 8.5 kw.).—2.10.—Concert conducted by Mengelberg, relayed from Amsterdam. Cantata, "Mein Herz schwimmt in Blut" (Bach). 7.55.—Orchestral Concert. 10.0.—Syncopations on Two Pianos. 10.10.—Orchestral Concert.

MADRID (424 metres, 2 kw.).—7.0.—Dance Music. 10.0.—Song Recital, followed by Selection from "La Alegria de la Huerta," Musical Comedy (Chueca).

MILAN (501 metres, 8.5 kw.) and **TURIN** (296.1 metres).—7.30.—Dance Music. 7.50.—Orchestral Selections; Choral Selections; Soprano and Baritone Solos and Duets.

OSLO (1,060 metres, 75 kw.).—7.30.—Orchestral Concert. 9.5.—Recitations (Olaf Bull). 9.35.—Dance Music.

PARIS (1,725 metres, 17 kw.).—5.30.—Concert of Russian Music. 7.30.—Radio-Paris Circus. 8.0.—Variety Programme. 8.45.—Café Concert.

ROME (441 metres, 75 kw.) (relayed by Naples (332 metres).—4.0.—Vocal and Orchestral Concert. Overture, "The Crown Diamonds" (Auber). Baritone and Soprano Solos. Waltz Suite from the Concerto for Sextet Op. 39 (Brahms). Marche (Cui). 7.50.—"La Bohème," Opera (Puccini).

STOCKHOLM (436 metres, 75 kw.) and **MOTALA** (1,348 metres, 40 kw.).—6.45.—Military Band Music. 7.20.—Scenes from "Charles XII.," Historical Play (Adolph Paul). 8.40.—Orchestral Concert.

TOULOUSE (385 metres, 8 kw.).—5.0.—Argentine Orchestra and Dance Music. 7.0.—Musical Interlude. 9.2.—Selections from "La Bohème" (Puccini). 11.0.—Military Music.

THEATRES.

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PRINCE EDWARD, Old Compton St., W. Reg. 1527. "NIPPY." A New Musical Comedy. Evgs., 8.15. Mons., Weds. and Sats., 2.30. BINNIE HALE, CLIFFORD MOLLISON, Arthur Riscoe, Debroy Somers and His Band, etc.

PRINCE OF WALES. Smoking. Ger. 7482. TUES. NEXT, 8.30. MATS., THURS., SAT., 2.30. IRIS HOEY in THE QUEEN BEE.

PRINCES. Temple Bar 3633. Nightly, at 8.30. Mats. Weds. and Sats., at 2.30. "OH, DADDY!" "A roaring popular success."—M. Post. W. H. BERRY. HEATHER THATCHER.

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ROYALTY. (Ger. 2690.) Evgs. 8.30. Thurs., Sat., 2.30. LAST 8 PERFORMANCES. MARRIAGE A LA MODE. GEORGE HAYES. HERBERT WARING. ATHENE SEYLER. ANGELA BADDELEY. Produced by NIGEL PLAYFAIR.

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ST. JAMES'S. Gerrard 3903. Evgs. 8.30. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2.30. A MURDER HAS BEEN ARRANGED. A Ghost Story, in Three Acts, by Emlyn Williams. Henry Kendall, Margaretta Scott, J. H. Roberts. "THE BEST THRILLER FOR YEARS."—Evg. News.

SAVOY, FRIDAY next, 8, subs. 8.15. Tem. B. 8888. Prop., Savoy Th., Ltd. Lsrs., Exc. of H. B. Irving. Lessees, C. Egerton Killick and Victor Payne-Jennings. André Charlot's All-Star Production. Dorothy Dickson and Carl Brisson in "WONDER BAR." Elsie Randolph, J. Greenwald, Blaney and Farrar. Mats., MONDAY and SATURDAY, at 2.30.

SHAFTESBURY. Prop., J. Benson. Smoking. Every Evening, 8.30. Mats., Thurs., Sat., 2.30. BASIL FOSTER and TOM MILLER present LEAVE IT TO PSMITH. A Comedy by IAN HAY and P. G. WODEHOUSE. EXTRA CHRISTMAS MATS., Mon., Dec. 22; Fri., 26th; Mon., 29th; Tues., 30th; Wed., 31st; Tues., Jan. 6; Wed., Jan. 7; Tues., Jan. 13. Thurs. and Sat. Mats. as usual.

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PICTURE THEATRES.

ALHAMBRA, Leic. Sq. To-night, 6.0 and 8.30. "MYSTERY OF LIFE," the progress of the World; also "NIGHT BIRDS." Cont. dly.

ASTORIA. Gerr. 5528. Con., 6-11. Constance Bennett and Lew Ayres in "COMMON CLAY"; 6.45 and 9.15. Also Gaumont Sound News, Comedy Feature, etc.

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THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

INFORMATION DESIRED

THE £30,000 MYSTERY.

By ERNEST NEWMAN.

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Syndicate itself putting up? On the face of the figures supplied to the country—and supposing them to be complete—next to nothing; for the gramophone contribution is alleged to amount to some thousands. (It is given in some papers as £5,000.) The £30,000 a year mentioned in the I.L.O. circular as the "contribution" of the C.G.O.S. is the exact total amount of the funds with which the Syndicate is apparently now to operate; and when we have deducted from this amount the £17,500 of the Government, the £7,500 of the B.B.C., and the few thousands that are alleged to be coming from gramophone sources, it is clear that not much, if any, can possibly remain as the specific contribution of the C.G.O.S. We should like, then, a plain answer to the following questions:—

Is the Syndicate "contributing" £30,000 a year of its own money to the new scheme, or is the £30,000 mentioned in the I.L.O. circular merely the £30,000 that is made up in the way the figures suggest?

If so, why were the members of the I.L.O. not told this in the circular, instead of being allowed to have their voting influenced by the belief that the Syndicate was going to match the £22,000 of the League with £30,000 a year *of its own?* I do not see what other construction can be put upon the circular than that Sir Thomas Beecham, as late as October 10, was himself under this impression.

If we are wrong in our surmise, if the Syndicate is really putting up £30,000 a year of its own, how comes it about that Colonel Blois, the managing director of the C.G.O.S., in his article in last Monday's "Daily Telegraph," mentions no larger sum than this as being available? I will quote his exact words: "The minimum sum necessary" [to "accomplish this end" of evolving "an artistic institution of the very highest order"], "has been worked out carefully on a business footing based on actual experience gained in opera management at Covent Garden for some years. It is £30,000 per annum. This will include sums from various sources and the proposed State grant of £17,500."

PUT THE CARDS ON THE TABLE.

In a matter in which public funds are concerned, all the cards must be laid on the table. If a private organisation is to be subsidised with public money, the public must be given a good reason why. If the C.G.O.S. were itself contributing £30,000 a year to the new scheme, there might be a case for a Government grant of £17,500 a year. If it is *not* itself contributing anything like the amount even of the proposed public grant, the country will naturally want to know why the Syndicate is to be thus favoured. The Syndicate will accordingly be doing the sensible thing in disclosing at once the amount of its own yearly contribution for the next five years.

From the published figures, the only possible inference is that the Syndicate's own contribution is a comparatively small one. I hope we shall prove to be wrong in this inference, and that the C.G.O.S. is really contributing of itself—not by means of Government and other subsidies—the £30,000 a year mentioned in the I.L.O. circular. But if the public inference is correct, one or two more questions suggest themselves.

Here are two organisations, one of them with an assured voluntary income of £22,000 a year, and probably more; the other with—how much a year of its own? If at long last a grant from public funds is to be made to opera, why is the former organisation,—which, be it added, has at the head of it the only man in the country who is competent to "accomplish this end"—passed over, and the subsidy given to the other organisation?

COLONEL BLOIS AND THE I.L.O.

At the conclusion of his article, Colonel Blois tells us that "the artistic aims of my Syndicate, as outlined above, are practically identical with those of the Imperial League of Opera. Should the latter organisation, as we all hope, find it practicable to join us, these aims can be enlarged in scope and the achievement of the ultimate result will be accelerated." Evidently Colonel Blois, secure, as he appears to imagine, in the possession of Mr Snowden's grant of public funds, now feels no real need of the co-operation of the I.L.O. I am not sure that he would now get it under any circumstances. We are told that the £92,500 from the Government will not mean any further taxation. Perhaps not in the technical sense of the words; but as it is to be paid out of public funds, it follows that £92,500 that otherwise might have been devoted to the relief of taxation is to be handed over to the C.G.O.S. In point of fact, then, we *are* to be taxed for the support of the Syndicate; and that being so, the members of the I.L.O. will doubtless ask themselves whether they are inclined to shoulder a double burden—to pay once as members of the public, and again as members of the I.L.O.

It is now evident that their assent to the amalgamation as outlined in the circular was given under a misapprehension of the true facts. Pending further information as to these, they will, I imagine, prefer to have the co-operation of the League with the new scheme at any rate postponed. The Trustees of the I.L.O. have applied, I believe, to the Court for an order authorising them to devote their funds to the altered, as distinguished from the original, purpose of the League. I suggest that this application be withdrawn, or the consideration of it by the Court postponed, until public curiosity has been satisfied on some of the vital points I have raised.

AN OBVIOUS INJUSTICE.

There is yet another point to be considered. Under the League scheme, opera would have been paid for by the people who wanted opera. Under the new scheme, opera is to be paid for also by the people who are not interested in opera. Does the taxpayer in Gateshead or Galashiels or Taunton realise that henceforth he will have the privilege of contributing to the giddy delights of the London "season"? Sir Thomas Beecham had no intention of perpetrating this obvious piece of injustice. In the circular of October 10 it was expressly laid down that "the 'International' summer season, which never formed part of the League's project, will not be included within the scope of the proposed agreement, but will be, as before, an independent enterprise." This one-time "independent enterprise," however, is now to be the "enterprise" also of the general taxpayer; for according to Colonel Blois's article, the Syndicate intends to give twenty-four weeks of opera in English, in London and the provinces, in the spring and the autumn of each year, and "*ten weeks' International opera in London*" *from May to July.* (We are also told, in cold print, that "there would have been no grand opera season this [next?] year if some definite offer of this kind [from the Government] had not come about"—which once more impels us to ask, what are the "resources" of the C.G.O.S. itself?). It may be said that wireless licence holders will be able to listen-in to some of these International performances. Quite so, and no objection could be raised if the B.B.C. alone, or the B.B.C. and a gramophone company alone, were subsidising them. But in future the major portion of the subsidy is apparently to be paid by taxpayers who may not have the slightest interest in opera. I shall be surprised if they pay without a protest.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

I hope that the questions I have asked in this article will be asked also by the public, by the general body of music lovers, by the members of the I.L.O., and by members of Parliament when the proposed subsidy comes to be voted on in the House. Above all, I hope the C.G.O.S. will inform the public, without any delay, of the precise amount of its own contribution to the £30,000 per annum, or in addition to that sum. If, as the above quotation seems to indicate, the Syndicate could not even have given next year's International season without this Government grant,—for the next words to those I have quoted above are, "If the opera [i.e., Covent Garden] had collapsed the nation would have had to pay more in the dole . . ."—why were we told in the I.L.O. circular of October 3 that the Syndicate "has made satisfactory financial arrangements to continue its operations for five years to come"? It is obvious that there is a good deal that the public and the members of the I.L.O. do not know which they ought to know. Mrs. Snowden has said, "I have known about this scheme [for the Government subsidy] for some time, but I have kept it a dark secret as I did not think the time ripe for a statement." Had the C.G.O.S. also "known about this scheme for some time"? Was it *this* it had in its mind, and not vast resources of its own, when, as we assume from the I.L.O. circulars, it told Sir Thomas Beecham that it had "made satisfactory financial arrangements to continue its operations for five years to come," and that it would "contribute £30,000 a year to the [amalgamation] scheme"? And assuming that Sir Thomas Beecham was not told of the "dark secret" of the coming Government subsidy when he was negotiating for an amalgamation with the Syndicate, *why* was he not told, so that he in turn could tell us members of the I.L.O. of it before our votes as to the disposition of the League's funds were sought?

THE WEEK'S MUSIC

Bela Bartok and Others.

We have both seen and heard Bela Bartok during the week. On Wednesday, at the B.B.C. orchestral concert, he played the solo part in his Rhapsody for piano and orchestra; while on Monday he broadcast from one of the studios some piano trifles of his own, and, what was much better, some arrangements of Marosszek dances by Kodaly. The Rhapsody is an early work of Bartok's. It is sometimes dry in the more disparaging sense of that term, but more often dry in the better sense of spare, sinewy. There is no waste matter, no sentimental fat in it; and for people who can dispense with these, the work is decidedly attractive.

For those who like fatness of sentiment and a loose, sprawling musical body there was Tchaikovski's fourth symphony on Wednesday, of which Sir Henry Wood gave us rather a mannered performance. I did not wait for the Ravel Bolero, my appetite for that long-drawn stunt having been sated after three or four hearings. It may be that "the public has a right to be bored"; but it is a right which I can nobly renounce when the sacrifice is demanded of me. Much more to my taste were two finely imaginative songs by Strauss—"Der Einsame" and "Das Thal"—which were sung in admirable style by Mr. Norman Allin. The philosophic gloom of the songs will always stand in the way of their becoming popular favourites; which is a pity, for they show Strauss at his most sincere, while the craftsmanship of the combination of deep bass voice and orchestra is masterly.

Another bass, Chaliapine, entertained us for a while at the Albert Hall on Sunday afternoon. The once unique voice is still marvellous, and not less wonderful is his management of it. He gave me most pleasure in the songs I knew least. He seems to have little understanding of German Lieder, in which, for all his pseudo-dramatic gesticulation, he makes the minimum of effect on those who do understand them; "Der Doppelgänger" and "Die beiden Grenadiere" were so Russianised and Chaliapinised that we got rather too little of the Schubert and Schumann we are familiar with from our own studies. The broad inference from Chaliapine's Lieder singing is that his dramatic imagination is far and away superior to his purely musical sensibility. I came away rather glad than otherwise that I did not know the majority of his Russian songs in the original, for I had the uncomfortable suspicion that if one did, one might occasionally find as little reason to accept his interpretations of these as the last word on the subject as one does his interpretations of Western songs. Perhaps, however, the pungent Russian character sketches he gives us are all the better for a bit of acting, even on the concert platform.

Orchestral Concerts.

The broadcast of Sunday's studio concert showed Nikolai Malko, the Russian conductor, to be decidedly at home in the more "national" music of his native country; the performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's "Ivan the Terrible" overture was magnificent in its fire and colour. But he seemed to have little feeling for the artificial graces of Prokofieff's pleasant little "Symphonie Classique," which was made to dance in heavier shoes than the music can wear with comfort.

The Philharmonic concert, under Eugen Szenkar, brought us a novelty in the shape of the overture to Weinberger's "Schwanda," an opera that has had some success in Germany. It is agreeable stuff in the pseudo-folk vein, and with a curious orchestral texture of its own. Mr. Arthur Rubinstein skated brilliantly over the surface of Brahms's second piano concerto; this would no doubt be regarded as an ideal reading of the work by those who prefer pageantry to philosophy. The orchestral playing was very faulty at times. It is a pity Szenkar is so fond of the fortissimo, for his undiscriminating use of it rather spoiled the first and the last movements of Schubert's C major symphony. But in the two middle movements we had, for once, completely satisfactory tempi, neither so fast as to make the music trivial nor so slow as to make it heavy; and to get, and still more to maintain, the right tempi in these two movements is one of the most difficult tasks that conductors have to face.

We had the Schubert symphony again on the following evening, when Sir Hamilton Harty and the Hallé Orchestra gave us a performance of it that had far more polish than Szenkar's, but was rather dreadfully erratic in its tempi, especially in the andante; with the result that the symphony seemed much longer on Friday than on Thursday. The surest way to make this long work seem even longer than it is is to attempt to disguise its length by an arbitrary variety of tempo. But we had some compensation in a finely balanced reading of the Brahms No. 4, and in some exquisite orchestral accompaniments to Mme. Suggia's gravely passionate performance of the solo part in Elgar's cello concerto.

E. N.

Recital Notes.

There is, in the playing of Miss Antonia Butler, who again gave a 'cello recital at Wigmore Hall, on Monday, the instinctive, possibly unconscious purpose of the born artist. She chose a Sonata by Sammartini, a Boccherini concerto and the unaccompanied Suite in G by Bach. Her tone is full, the notes are in tune to a degree, and the very impetuosity of her style is an outward sign of an inner musical life, vigorous and vital.

Mme. Gabrielle Ritter-Ciampi took the Queen's Hall for Tuesday evening, and it was perfectly natural that her well-known and exceptional command of the devices of *coloratura* should give pleasure to many. There seemed to be a prolonged shake in most songs, even in so ingenuous a thing as Lotti's "Pur dicesti."

At Grotrian Hall, the same evening, the New London Trio (John Pauer, Boris Pecker and Livio Mannucci) gave the first of three recitals, playing piano trios by Beethoven (Op. 70 No. 1, in D), Mozart (No. 5, in G) and Schubert (Op. 99, in B flat). They have come to an intimate understanding on many of the problems of concerted performance, in token of which they sound at their best when all are engaged. Interest prevailed in their interpretations. The final *rondo* of the Mozart was delightfully done.

H. F.

THE GALLERIES

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH DRAWINGS.

TWO INTERPRETATIVE ARTISTS.

By FRANK RUTTER.

That "drawing" is a word which covers a wide variety of graphic methods and pictorial effects is proved by the exhibition of "Contemporary English Drawings" just opened at Messrs. Arthur Tooth's galleries. Here in this small but exceedingly carefully chosen collection of less than forty exhibits are pencil drawings and pen drawings, pastels and water-colours, and, while the variety is acceptable as an ensemble, the important thing, of course, is not what method the artist has chosen, but the result he has obtained by its means.

Two contributors stand out very prominently among these selected exhibitors, namely, Mr. W. R. Sickert and Mr. Paul Nash, and they stand out not only because they are essentially more individual than any of the others, but because their art is not merely representative but interpretational. They do not merely record what they have seen, but they interpret it in subtle terms of æsthetic emotion. Their achievement is the more remarkable since, among the other contributors, are Messrs. Augustus John, Duncan Grant, P. Wilson Steer, Frank Dobson, Edward Wadsworth, and William Roberts, each one of whom is, in his own way, a considerable artist, endowed with genuine gifts and a distinct personality. But while each of these has his importance in our national school, we feel confident that both Sickert and Paul Nash can be tested by international standards and can survive the ordeal with credit.

SICKERT.

Mr. Sickert is not only a distinguished draughtsman, supremely skilled in the delicate rendering of form in terms of light and shade; he is also a humanist who, without ever being "literary," succeeds in making even the least and most trivial of his sketches in some way or other a comment on life. One of his most characteristic contributions, "Nude, Washing" (5), would appear to be the study for his well-known etching, "Sally," and, with even greater intimacy and boldness than the plate, it presents a fragment of commonplace life transmuted into terms of beauty by its exquisite notation of relative degrees of illumination. What we are bound to admire here is not the physical type which is the accidental subject—though even this has an appeal of gentle pathos—but the rendering of the light, air, and space in which the figure is enveloped. This rendering of "atmosphere" is also seen in Mr. Sickert's "Study" (8) for a full-length portrait, and while it definitely places him among the masters of impressionism, it also helps to account for that air of abundant vitality which characterises every figure he interprets.

In comparison with these Sickerts the drawings of Augustus John, however excellent they may be in their own way, appear merely academic. His "Head of Delius" (15) is an important drawing, but, judged by the strictest modern standards, it is far more representative than interpretational. Mr. Dobson's loosely-handled water-colours of nudes (29, 30) are more "modern" in feeling, and in their allure and economy they seek to interpret; but they rarely reach that point of mastery to be completely convincing. Much the same might be said of Mr. Duncan Grant's pastels. Far more successful in their limited way are Mr. Edward Wadsworth's pencil drawings, limited because interest is here almost solely concentrated on creative design, but successful because the design, as in "The Sail Shop" (33), is definitely personal, plastic, and æsthetically interpretative.

PAUL NASH.

Mr. Paul Nash has no serious competitor in water-colour here save Mr. Wilson Steer, and while we all venerate Steer as an accomplished master of the medium, the most enthusiastic admirer can hardly hail him as the creator of a new style. Mr. Steer is a delicate and sterling craftsman who has fruitfully developed in his own way certain great traditions, but he is not, and never has been, the creator of an entirely new thing in art. "The Beach, Shoreham" (17), is a most delightful and masterly little marine, personal enough to be described as a typical Steer, and yet we cannot look at it without being conscious that behind Steer looms the figure of Turner.

Now it is a great merit in the work of Paul Nash that his landscapes—whether or no they take us back to nature—do not vividly remind us of the work of any other painter. In their colour and construction they are supremely personal, and in these days when a multitude of painters lean so heavily on France, it is a triumph for Mr. Nash that his art remains not only individual but genuinely English, untainted by any considerable foreign influence. When he first came into prominence as the most emotional war painter Europe has produced, his "Inverness Copse" proved him to be a supremely original artist. It remains the most authentic war landscape, a fine example of interpretational art, owing nothing to anything but the first-hand experience of its author. After the war Paul Nash naturally took some time to find himself as an interpreter of peaceful themes, but he has gone on steadily perfecting his practice in oils and water-colours, and now stands out as the most distinguished English artist of his generation.

Take such a simple subject as his "Wood on the Downs" (26) in the Tooth Exhibition. It is a subject that has been painted thousands of times by a thousand painters, but Paul Nash has succeeded in painting this group of trees and stretch of verdure in a way that no other painter has ever done previously. He not only records the thing seen in his own peculiar terms of pale colour of great refinement and distinction, presents it with the utmost simplicity of approach and a sense of construction that is sufficient and satisfying, but he contrives in some subtle manner to interpret it as well. He invests this local scene with a sense of universality, evokes a mood of wistfulness, and so, perhaps all unconsciously, lifts his little picture to a philosophic plane. He has more important works in the exhibition, his river scene at "Orford" (25), his tinted drawing "Night Window" (37) with its ingenious design, his "Pillar and Avenue" (38) with its admirable suggestion of distance; but all the essential qualities which make his work supremely personal and distinguished will be found in "Wood on the Downs," and the visitor who rightly sizes up this little water-colour will have no difficulty in appreciating the genuine art of Paul Nash.

CONDER AND McEVOY.

Conder is chiefly remembered for the charming fan-designs he painted on silk, but he also painted a number of easel pictures, and a selection of these in a variety of media is now on view at the Beaux Arts Gallery. Lithographs and chalk drawings are shown as well as oils and water-colours on silk, and all these have a certain romantic interest, though the last probably represent Conder's most important artistic achievement.

Though Ambrose McEvoy in his later years was known almost exclusively as a portraitist, he also executed a number of attractive landscapes and genre subjects in water-colour, and a dozen or so of these are on exhibition at the Beaux Arts. Though some of his most delightful water-colours here are mere colour notes—e.g., "Canal at Bath," which might be described as an impression in blue—McEvoy, unlike Conder, was a refined and sensitive draughtsman, and his firm line and sure modelling redeemed much of his professional portraiture from insipidity. These powers are seen even in his slight sketches, and they are well displayed here in a number of full-size studies for portraits. The most interesting of the small group of his oils is his "conversation-piece" in warm brown tones of "Mr. and Mrs. Alan Parsons."

GAMING, BETTING AND LOTTERIES.

OUR INCONSISTENT STATUTES.

"ONE LAW FOR THE RICH."

By ALFRED FELLOWS.

As a sign of the times, counsel for the defendants in betting cases are now asking why their poor clients should be persecuted by the police, when others have won large sums in the Irish lottery, and have been left alone. This argument is, of course, no sort of defence to a charge of keeping a betting-house or street bookmaking, but the plea that the present law makes unfair discrimination between various classes of gamblers is unanswerable. And it will continue to be so until the law as to gambling is considered as a whole and put on some kind of consistent basis. No one can pretend that the problem is an easy one, for the methods of appealing to chance are protean. There are gamblers in currency, in "futures" and "options," on necessary commodities and other goods, in stocks and shares, in lottery tickets, in bets (either private, or with a bookmaker or the "tote"), with cards, games with apparatus, automatic machines, and dice—in fact, it is even possible for two people simultaneously to put out so many fingers and bet on the sum total of those extended, as Roman gladiators were said to do.

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The whole of our present statute law should be scrapped, for it is a mass of inconsistencies, and largely unworkable. Thus all lotteries, whether public or private, are expressly made illegal by statute, but it is so impossible to prevent private sweepstakes (which in law are lotteries) on such events as the Derby and Grand National that the Home Office appears to have instructed the police that they are lawful. From this ruling it has followed that certain well-known annual sweepstakes on an enormous scale have been tolerated on the legal fiction that they are private, though in fact anyone who wished could purchase a ticket. This kind of thing, when combined with stern measures against small publicans and others who promote lesser sweepstakes, brings the law into discredit. Eighteenth-century statutes, still in force, forbid twentieth-century card-players to indulge in the games of Ace of Hearts, passage, hazard, and basset.

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The statutes are, of course, entirely silent as to modern games, though one actually forbids future card-games subsequently invented. The effect of a celebrated judgment is to lump all card-games together in a single category, and hence even sixpenny whist-drives have been held illegal. Usually the police tolerate them, but not always, so one promoter goes free, and another who does exactly the same thing is prosecuted. That is bad law. As to betting, that on racecourses is only legalised by the transparent fiction, which the House of Lords was induced to adopt thirty years ago, that the bookmakers are moving about all the time. And the law against street bookmakers is about as efficiently enforced in London and our big cities as that against drinking wine, spirits, and beer is enforced in New York and Chicago.

If street bookmakers cannot be suppressed, they should be licensed as such and supervised—and one might suggest that persons on the "dole" who indulge in betting should forfeit their weekly payments. If a man who stinted or starved his family for his bets or cards or lottery tickets could be classified as an "habitual and inveterate gambler," and forbidden under penalty to indulge his vice, ninety per cent. of the purpose of all laws against gaming would be achieved, but the statute dealing with habitual drunkards is not an encouraging precedent.

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Several books have been written about Mrs. Gaskell, notably Mrs. L. H. Chadwick's "Mrs. Gaskell: Haunts, Homes and Stories," in which many interesting facts were loosely put together. Miss Haldane has now written a biography which shows Mrs. Gaskell's life in relation to her times, and her work in relation to English fiction. Miss Haldane, by the bye, is the author of the most complete English life of Descartes. Her "Mrs. Gaskell" is naturally a more intimate study, but that power of seeing a subject in perspective, so necessary in the case of Descartes, contributes solidity to this book also. Miss Haldane has had constantly in her mind while she wrote the position of women, and especially of women-writers, in the mid-nineteenth century. She has had access to the unpublished letters belonging to the Winkworth sisters, who were great friends of the Gaskells. Some of these letters are of particular interest, since they describe Mrs. Gaskell's impressions, while they were still fresh, of Charlotte Brontë and Florence Nightingale. In her opening chapter she compares studies of minor novelists to the interest of "Conversation Pieces"; her book has that interest. It paints the portrait of a gifted, happy woman-writer in her mid-Victorian home:

> At no period surely was the bond of family regard and family duty so vividly put before the world. In all Elizabeth Gaskell's writings this side of life was emphasised—we never have heroines isolated from their progenitors as we often have elsewhere—and it was equally emphasised in her life. In some ways it proved a real drag on women's lives, and it often implied work of an unbearable kind, just as happened in Charlotte Brontë's case with regard to her father. In Mrs. Gaskell's life this bond was happier; her husband and she dwelt in amity, though she might possibly have wished him to take a more imaginative view of things; and to her children she was the ideal mother of the standard kind, making herself responsible for every part of their lives, and never allowing them to stray away from its influence. This was the Victorian domesticity at its best.

This is the note struck at the beginning of the book; recurring, it gives her "Life of Mrs. Gaskell" a certain unity.

Who She Was.

Elizabeth Stevenson was born in 1810—that is to say, about the time that Jane Austen was contemplating the anonymous publication of "Sense and Sensibility." Her father was destined for the ministry, and he was, as a very young man, appointed to a Unitarian chapel near Manchester. He did not find himself able to preach the doctrine required, so he rented a small farm near Edinburgh. There he wrote for the "Edinburgh" and the "Westminster Review." He was a "minister-farmer," an intellectual. He had married in 1797 a Miss Holland, daughter of a farmer and land-agent at Sandlebridge, Cheshire. Elizabeth was the seventh child; only one of the others had survived. Her exhausted mother died a month after Elizabeth's birth, and her father moved to the little town of Knutsford, afterwards to be famous as "Cranford."

Knutsford was her home until, at the age of 22, she married William Gaskell, a Unitarian minister of Manchester, in 1832. Unitarianism was then a flourishing creed, and her husband preached to a large and wealthy congregation. But there was much misery and tumult round her; she was sympathetically aware of it. It was not, however, until after her only son died in 1844 that she began to write with more than an amateur's interest. She then began to write "Mary Barton" as a distraction from her own sorrows, but it was not published till 1848, and then anonymously. Carlyle was enthusiastic, and wrote her a letter; Dickens invited her to become a regular contributor to "Household Words"; Landor wrote a poem about it. She was launched as a writer on the vital topic of industrial conflict, and although "Mary Barton" hardly went further than stressing the duty of charity and the beauty of sympathy, it was regarded by some of the manufacturing class as a dangerous book. Mrs. Gaskell was very persuasive.

Her Gifts and Reputation.

She possessed the gift of natural pathos, and, though she wrote with an object she never tried to reinforce her theme by describing what she had not seen and felt herself. She touched her readers and convinced them. Once again, in "North and South" (1855), she returned in a more generalising manner to the same theme, contrasting in that story the kindly, easy-going life of the South with the harsh competitive industrialism of the North. Although this domestic, warm-hearted woman had no traits in common with the social rebel, in her writings she expressed, movingly, the reaction already beginning against the dogma of economic egotism and indifference to the sufferings of poverty. It is almost incredible to us to-day that "Ruth," so mild and sad, should have been again regarded as dangerously advanced, though looking back one can see that it required some courage in the wife of a Dissenting minister to treat the theme of "a fallen woman." "Ruth" won some admiration, but was banned by libraries as unfit for family reading, and actually burnt by some indignant readers. Still, John Forster admired and wept, though another man of eminence declared that he would never allow the story to fall into the hands of his mother. However, all was forgiven when "Cranford" appeared.

Idyllic Realism.

"Cranford" belongs to the class of books which may be labelled studies in idyllic realism. It is still more often read than her other books, and it was the only one of them that she enjoyed reading herself. There is perhaps too much sweet lavender about it for modern taste, but there are touches of museful shrewdness in the author's observation and affection which must impress, and give pleasure, even to those who cannot as a rule stand anything less artificial in the idyllic style than "The Vicar of Wakefield." Those touches are so deft and light; as when old Miss Matty, on hearing that two of her acquaintances in Cranford are going to be married, remarks, "Two people that we know going to be married. It's coming very near!" Or that touching incident to which Miss Haldane points, when Miss Matty has lost the long-ago rejected lover of her youth and, though she shows no outward sign of grief at his death, asks the milliner to make her caps in future something like those of the Hon. Mrs. Jameson. "But she wears widow's caps, ma'am." "Oh, I only meant something in that style; not widow's, of course, but rather like Mrs. Jameson's." In "Cranford," as Miss Haldane says, Mrs. Gaskell "brought out the inherent humanity of simple people living dull, quiet lives, unnoticed by the busy world outside. And she tells her tale with a delightful humour such as gives the most crabbed of us pleasure." "Cranford" proves again the literary value of the day of small things.

Florence Nightingale and Mrs. Gaskell.

Among those who enthusiastically championed "Ruth" had been Florence Nightingale. Miss Haldane prints hitherto unpublished letters written by Mrs. Gaskell to Mrs. Shaen from Lea Hurst, Florence Nightingale's home. They show the influence which Florence Nightingale had upon those who came into contact with her even before the Crimean War; and they are particularly interesting in showing how she impressed such a typically "womanly woman" as Elizabeth Gaskell. She felt for Florence Nightingale an amazed admiration, chilled now and then by misgiving.

> That text always jarred against me, that "Who is my mother and my brethren?"—and there is just that jar in F. N. to me. She has no friend—and she wants none. She stands perfectly alone, half-way between God and His creatures. . . . She is, I think, too much for institutions, sisterhoods, and associations, and she said if she had influence enough not a mother should bring up a child herself; there should be crèches for the rich as well as the poor. If she had twenty children she would send them all to a crèche, seeing, of course, that it was a well-managed crèche. That exactly tells of what seems to me *the* want—but then this want of love for individuals becomes a gift and a very rare one, if one takes it in conjunction with her intense love for the *race*; her utter unselfishness in serving and ministering. I think I have told you all—even to impressions—but she is really so extraordinary a creature that impressions may be erroneous, and anything like a judgment of her must be presumptuous, and what a letter I have written! Only if you are on the sofa it won't tire you as it might do if you were busy.

This was a first impression. Later she notices that Florence Nightingale has sometimes the merriest look in her eyes, and that she is an excellent mimic.

> She is so like a saint. . . . She must be a creature of another race, so high and mighty and angelic, doing things by impulse or some divine inspiration—not effort and struggle of will. But she seems almost too holy to be talked about as a mere wonder. Mrs. Nightingale says, with tears in her eyes (alluding to Andersen's "Fairy Tales"), that they are ducks and have hatched a wild swan. She seems as completely led by God as Joan of Arc.

Charlotte Brontë.

Miss Haldane's chapter on Mrs. Gaskell and Charlotte Brontë is extremely interesting. Here, too, she makes use of letters hitherto unpublished, and here again she uses the contrast between the two women to bring out the predicaments of the mid-Victorian authoress. "Charlotte Brontë saw that her fellow-worker had great gifts, had within certain limitations a wonderful power of observation, had humour such as she had not, had honesty of purpose and conscientiousness in her work. But the world, the world of convention, the world of 'hard Unitarianism' with all its splendid qualities, was pull-pulling her aside." The following letter written by Miss Brontë to Mrs. Gaskell shows the difference between their points of view:

> Thank you for your letter; it was as pleasant as a quiet chat, as welcome as spring showers, as reviving as a friend's visit; in short, it was very like a page of "Cranford." . . . A thought strikes me. Do you, who have so many friends—so large a circle of acquaintances—find it easy, when you sit down to write, to isolate yourself from all those ties, and their sweet associations, so as to be your *own woman*, uninfluenced or swayed by the consciousness of how your work may affect their minds; what blame or what sympathy it may call forth? Does no luminous cloud ever come between you and the severe Truth, as you know it in your own secret and clear-seeing soul? In a word, are you ever tempted to make your characters more amenable than the life by the inclination to assimilate your thoughts to the thoughts of those who always *feel* kindly, but sometimes fail to see justly? Don't answer the question; it is not intended to be answered.

Yet, after all, the merits of Mrs. Gaskell were due to her living in the world, to her being up to her neck in family and social life, and sensitively conscious of the many-sidedness of things. It is difficult to see, by the bye, the influence of any "hard Unitarianism" in her books. They are gentle books and social novels.

From Stories to Problems.

The second title of her best and unfinished novel, "Wives and Daughters," is "An Every Day Story." It was in depicting everyday life that she excelled. Such excellence requires a gift of narration—that she had; faith that little things and leisurely progression can hold the reader's attention—that she had, and the power of colouring detail with emotion. She had tried her hand at exceptional tragic conflicts and arrested the sympathies of her contemporaries; she had struck out a new line in describing the Black Country, but her real gift lay in working in "the subdued colouring and half-tints of real life," life as it appears to a generous, happy woman who asks no searching questions. "Wives and Daughters" has an irony which is a better thing than the crude satire which so often accompanies feminine penetration—Charlotte Brontë's and George Eliot's. Surely Charlotte Brontë's only punishment in the next world will be to find that there are, after all, quite a number of good-looking, well-bred people in Heaven? Miss Haldane speaks of Mrs. Gaskell's admirable "toleration, such as one finds in Goldsmith and Lamb," and of her clear and straightforward style.

> It is, however, certain that although Mrs. Gaskell gives us in the main a sense of rest in her writings, we can see how she is being moved and driven by the new winds that are troubling the waters and threatening many things that are only so far dreaded. She is of a period of transition—transition from the storyteller of old days to the problem-writers of to-day. She is, after all, however truly a Victorian, a portent of what is to come. We cling to her because she is still simple and direct, but the life that followed was to be neither simple nor direct, and so she is read as part of history—but a very important part of it as well as a very delightful one.

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AN AMERICAN ON AMERICA.

"A Searchlight on America." By James Truslow Adams. (Routledge. 12s. 6d.)

Reviewed by JOHN S. STEELE.

The term self-criticism as a shibboleth was invented by the Soviet Russians, who have elevated it into one of the organs of government, but in America it is a much more real thing than in Russia. Over and over again I have been impressed, on returning to my country, by the frequency of the question "What do they think of us over there?" and by the surprise at my answer that most of the time they do not think of us at all.

Mr. James Truslow Adams has written a book of self-criticism, a searching indictment of America's faults by an American who is a close and keen observer of both his own country and of Europe, and who cannot be accused of being biassed in favour of Europe. He comes from a family which was settled in America before the Pilgrim Fathers arrived and which has given two Presidents and many other distinguished public servants to the United States. Mr. Adams himself served during the war in the American Military Intelligence, and he was one of Colonel House's staff which prepared data for the Peace Conference. Since the war he has divided his time about equally between American and Europe.

This book is a series of essays originally published in various American magazines, in which Mr. Adams turns his critical searchlight on one after another of America's shortcomings and tries to explain them. Most of his explanations are perfectly sound, and I would recommend the book to the many Europeans who find it difficult to understand the differences between life in the two Continents.

American Lawlessness.

On American lawlessness he is particularly illuminating. Mr. Adams admits that America is much more lawless than Europe, and in seeking the cause he avoids the facile statement, so popular now, that it is due to Prohibition. That is one of the causes, he admits, but he finds the real basis far farther back in American history. That cause is the frontier. Few Europeans realise that the frontier in America only ceased officially to exist in 1890. This means that until forty years ago a large and virile portion of the population was fighting nature in conditions which left no time for the niceties of law. Every man defended himself and settled his own quarrels. The community dealt with anti-social individuals by lynch law, and lynch law persisted long after the real need for it had been obviated by the establishment of courts and legal machinery. Even farther back than that he traces the disregard for British law in colonial times based on resentment against British taxes and tariffs the evasion of which carried no moral stigma.

Wholesale Law-making.

"Fool laws" are another factor in America's disregard for law in general. Mr. Adams points out that forty-eight state legislatures and the Federal Congress are grinding out thousands of laws a year, many of them foolish and many of them incapable of enforcement. He reminds his readers how easy it is for a band of earnest reformers or cranks to secure the passage of legislation, and how difficult it is to obtain its repeal. The result is open defiance or quiet nullification.

This feature is stressed in a chapter entitled "Hoover and Law Enforcement," which is a reply to a speech by Mr. Hoover calling for the enforcement of all laws until they are repealed. Mr. Adams points out that travelling in a train from Buffalo to Chicago it is legal to buy cigarettes for the first hour or two, but after crossing the imaginary state line into Ohio it becomes a crime, and an hour or two later, when Indiana is reached, one can again buy them without becoming a criminal.

The book, however, is not entirely devoted to American criminality. There are intensely interesting chapters on education, on the standard of living, on the social conventions, and other phases of American life. He attacks especially the American craze for University degrees as necessary qualifications for obtaining jobs, and makes sport with the minor universities that grant degrees in chicken raising, typing and stenography, and salesmanship. Here he says the trouble is that America stresses too much "doing" rather than "being," and that even her educators seem to have decided that the object of education is merely qualification for a trade or profession, and not the acquisition of knowledge and culture that will enable its possessor to live more fully and happily.

Anglo-Saxon Origins.

An interesting point that Mr. Adams makes is that while America has ceased to be racially predominantly Anglo-Saxon, men of that blood still hold most of the places of power and distinction. He analyses the entries in the American "Who's Who," all of whom, he says, must have achieved some distinction to win a place there. Out of 26,000 entries only 10 per cent. were foreign-born, and half of these came from the British Empire.

Mr. Adams tilts entertainingly at the American debt, at the American customs, and at many other things which will arouse appreciative comment over here. I am not so sure that his book will be so well received in America, for one of the things which always seems to go with self-criticism is resentment of criticism by anyone else.

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THE COSMOPOLITAN.

"Letters of Henry Adams (1858-1891)." Edited by Worthington Chauncey Ford. (Constable. 21s.)

"Idle But Happy." By Vere Ker-Seymer. (Chapman and Hall. 18s.)

"Within Four Walls." By Major M. C. C. Harrison and Captain H. A. Cartwright. (Arnold. 10s. 6d.)

"Two On a Trip." By Lady Kitty Vincent. (Herbert Jenkins. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by J. M. BULLOCH.

Writing from Berlin in 1858 as a youth of 20 to his elder brother, Henry Adams declared:—

> It would need more inducements than the law could offer to drag me out of Europe these ten years yet. Give me a thousand a year and free leave and a good conscience, and I'd pass as happy a life here as, I'm afraid, I never shall in St. Louis.

Adams soon made what he called the "philosophical discovery" that, no matter where he lived, there would come "occasionally fits of crossness and disagreeable feelings." But, for all that, he loved wandering abroad, and spoke of his lecturing life at Harvard in 1870 as his "western banishment." Indeed, in many ways, like many of his countrymen, he was a true cosmopolitan, and that, too, despite his intensely American ancestry—for he was the great-grandson of the second and the grandson of the sixth American President—and the fact that he laboured so hard in producing a monumental history of his country during the difficult period of 1810-17.

Readers of his delightful book, "The Education of Henry Adams," unique as an autobiography written in the third person, know the influences in his life. However, it has reticences. These are now dispelled by the letters Mr. Worthington Chauncey Ford has been able to retrieve from the wholesale destruction of his diaries and notes and such correspondence as he could lay his hands on, which Adams began in 1885. A quarter of a century before he had taken a very different line, for he wrote to his brother Charles:—

> Though I have no hope to become a Horace Walpole, I still would like to think that a century or two hence, when everything else about it is forgotten, my letters might still be read and quoted as a memorial of manners and habits at the time of the great secession of 1860.

Despite the deliberately created lacunæ, enough has been found to give a most vivid account of his cosmopolitanism, beginning in Germany (1858-60) and London (1861-68) during his father's difficult spell of office as Minister to the Court of St. James's, and ending in 1890-91 in Honolulu and the South Seas, where he met Stevenson, whom he describes with extraordinary vividness:—

> I found Stevenson extremely entertaining. He has the nervous restlessness of his disease, and, although he said he was unusually well, I half expected to see him drop with hemorrhage at any moment, for he cannot be quiet, but sits down, jumps up, darts off and flies back at every sentence he utters, and his eyes and features gleam with a hectic glow.

An English Cosmopolitan.

When Henry Adams was enjoying life in London during his father's mission, the author of "Idle But Happy," was born (1866) in Paris, where his father, Mr. Harry Clay Ker-Seymer, who had married the heiress of Hanford, Dorset, was Secretary to our Embassy. He was educated in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. He spent three years in South America, and, as he says, he has "suffered (or been blessed with) a roving spirit" all his life. But his cosmopolitanism has been geographical rather than spiritual, or, at any rate, has touched only the lesser things—he is greatly interested in motoring, flying, the theatre, and cards; and in spite of all temptation to belong to other nations he remains an Englishman, closing, in capitals, with the "true and consoling words" that "England will always Muddle Through."

Enforced Cosmopolitanism.

This country has never experienced such a spell of cosmopolitanism as during the Great War when we became intensely involved in the Continent, fighting alongside and against many nationalities. But the feeling was intensified in the case of the men who were captured and herded together in polyglot prison camps. Major Harrison, one of the authors of "Within Four Walls," tells us that before the war he had "never contemplated the possibility of capture." He landed at Rouen on August 11, 1914; on October 20 he fell into German hands; and on December 14 he found himself in a camp with 500 Russians, as many Frenchmen, a few Belgians, and one other Englishman, Captain Cartwright, who was captured at Mons on August 23, met Major Harrison at the Burg camp in June, 1915, and with him made many attempts to escape, which they describe in "Within Four Walls."

The Cosmopolitan Tripper.

If Lady Kitty had been born a century sooner, her journeyings from her ancestral home, the Bonnie Hoose o' Airlie, might have introduced her to the cultured cosmopolitanism of Lausanne, where Gibbon, who adored her ancestor, Lord Sheffield, penned the peroration of "The Decline and Fall" a hundred years, almost to a day, before she was born. Being, as she says, "by a gypsy out of a wandering wind," she has "taken to the Road," on a scale unknown in the days of the Grand Tour, most recently of all to the wilds of Canada, where she was delighted to find "the curious feeling of Yesterday trying to break through into To-day."

NEW FICTION.

YOUNGSTERS, OLDSTERS AND GANGSTERS.

"Philippa." By Anne Douglas Sedgwick. (Constable. 7s. 6d.)

"Strange Marriage." By Netta Syrett. (Bles. 7s. 6d.)

"Wanderer's End." By Dennis Cleugh. (Murray. 7s. 6d.)

"Gunman." By Charles Francis Coe. (Mundanus. 3s.)

"Murder at the Pageant." By Victor L. Whitechurch. (Collins. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by RALPH STRAUS.

"To read certain recent novels," says a clever woman in Miss Syrett's new story, "one would imagine that the younger generation is composed of two sets of bright young things—and two only—the egotistical, unmoral and intellectual kind, and the absolutely vacuous dancing, motoring, cocktail-drinking variety! The truth is, I believe, that there is but a handful of them in either class. The great majority are sound at heart and normal. Most of them are selfish, but no more selfish than, for instance, I was at their age."

Fair comment, it seems to me, and quoted here because the words will serve very well to introduce the very typical member of the younger generation whose story Miss Sedgwick is telling in "Philippa." You may think that at 14 Philippa herself knows far too much. You may consider her too gravely aloof in her estimation of her parents' weak points; but she is sound at heart and normal, and she is in a very difficult position. For her adored father behaves very badly indeed. He goes off with another woman, and demands to be divorced. Unfortunately for him, he also demands his daughter's love. Philippa is torn between loyalty to her mother and love for her father. What will happen? It is not very difficult to anticipate. The younger generation may differ considerably from its forbears, but at least it retains the very natural habit of growing up. Philippa grows up, and falls in love, and with love comes another loyalty altogether.

A lesser novelist than Miss Sedgwick might well have succumbed to a natural temptation, and on the failure of the second marriage brought Philippa's parents together again. As it is they remain apart, and you know that this had to be. It is an engrossing story which carries conviction.

THEN AND NOW.

I have already quoted from Miss Syrett's "Strange Marriage." It, too, deals with a younger generation, though not that of to-day. In her company we are back in the nineties, when the Yellow Book was thought to be highly improper, and the young person presumably knew very little more than she was supposed to know. Like Philippa Jenny is sound at heart and normal, but unluckily her husband, Neil, the kindest fellow who ever breathed, cannot face his responsibilities. The marriage is one only in name. It may be strange, but it is understandable; even to-day there are Neils about. And when a real lover comes, is Jenny to be blamed for what happens? Yet she is not only forgiven—a most moving episode—but can fall in love with a changed husband. Here I was expecting the story to end, but Miss Syrett daringly takes us on to modern times, when Jenny is a grandmother and meets the lover whom she had once dismissed, and this final picture is not out of place.

GOODISH COMPANIONS.

"Wanderer's End" is the only novel that Mr. Cleugh wrote. In point of fact he died before the last two chapters were finished. The story, however, has been completed by his wife, herself a novelist of distinction. It is a very curious book, from whatever point of view you regard it. The writing in places is singularly poor—the bad old phrases disfigure nearly every page—and yet you hardly mind. The characters are all types that you have met hundreds of times before, and yet there is an almost Dickensian freshness about them. Little enough happens, and yet you become absorbed in the doings of everybody, from the two old stagers, who carry their old rôles into private life, to the "bearded lady" who is not in the least what she seems to be.

It is difficult to offer an accurate description of the book. Wanderer's End is the name of the village where Mr. and Mrs. Pollen, who must surely be the last of the barnstormers, are "resting" from their labours. They are only "received" after they have taken into their very odd household a young man whose love affairs have been as unsuccessful as the plays he has written. His adventures become more and more fantastic. We go with him to a circus—the bearded lady deserves a whole book to "herself"—and to a village entertainment. We are shown hilarious peeps behind more than one kind of scene. Had the author lived, the ending might have been slightly less abrupt, although the book is one of those experiments in the picturesque which require neither beginning nor end. It is a lively pot-pourri—the work of a man who himself worked on the stage and, in spite of his ill-health, saw the fun of things.

AMERICAN GANGSTERS.

Mr. Coe's "Gunman" is no mystery story. It is the plain tale of an American gangster who has reached the top of what

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"MADE GLORIOUS IN THE MIDST OF THE SEA."

"The Wanderer." By John Masefield. (Heinemann. 8s. 6d.)

"The Epic of Jutland." By Shane Leslie. (Benn. 10s. 6d.)

Reviewed by T. EARLE WELBY.

What but the phrase out of Ezekiel set at the head of this review can do justice to pride in the subject matter of these two volumes? Mr. Masefield salutes a single ship of the mercantile marine, thought by some good judges the most beautiful of the latest sailing ships of size; Mr. Shane Leslie hymns all the vessels of war, great and small, which took part on the British side, and many of those which took part on the German, in the Battle of Jutland. Mr. Masefield writes mostly in prose, breaking out occasionally into verse; Mr. Shane Leslie writes throughout in verse, sometimes deliberately and sometimes unconsciously prosaic, but with poetry in his central conception and sometimes in his expression also. Under their differences the books are akin, springing out of a traditional pride which has nothing to do with the trader's cupidity or the jingo's arrogance. More than a century ago, Campbell was protesting, in prose of which Mr. Masefield and Mr. Shane Leslie may care to be reminded, that the launch of a ship was no affair of "vulgar joy," but "an affecting national solemnity." The feeling is in the blood of the British.

The Wanderer was built in 1890-91 by Mr. Potter, of Liverpool, who after long experience in producing large and speedy and comely sailing ships intended to make her the strongest and most beautiful that had ever come from his yard. "She had," Mr. Masefield tells us, "a noble sheer, a beautiful bow and an exquisite elliptical stern," and also one of the best figureheads, representing the builder's wife, produced in the period. This ship had a life of some sixteen years, beginning with a disaster in which her first captain lost his life, and ending when in 1907 a German steamer ran her down.

> Herself is not there, being Beauty Eternal, alive,
> She wanders the waters of thought, past disasters, past hates.

And those other ships, built for war, of which Mr. Shane Leslie tells us, with the men who manned them,

> Theirs ever be the under-Ocean calm;
> Their name a Peace: their memory a Psalm.

At Jutland.

But the higher claims of both writers on us are hardly in such moved, not very moving, final musings. Mr. Shane Leslie does fitfully but sometimes brilliantly well in his exact, and marginally timed, account of the whole Battle of Jutland. It would be difficult to match certain long passages in the central part of the book for the surprising combination of excitement and log-book accuracy. The trouble with him to some extent, as with Mr. Masefield rather more frequently, is not keeping at the one initially chosen distance from actuality. If the poet be determined to be thoroughly realistic, why, let him be so; if he be determined to reflect circumstance and event in a magically eclective and heightening mirror, why, let him do that. But when Campbell, in "The Battle of the Baltic," wrote the most nearly perfect marine battle-piece in our poetry, he not only in almost the whole of it set a superb example, but in his one flaw provided a warning, "the mermaid's song condoles."

There is now and then both with Mr. Masefield and Mr. Shane Leslie a suggestion that the mermaid is about to begin condoling. But she, a perfectly credible creature in her own world, is damaging to the poetical illusion when an intruder in the world of the realist. Nevertheless, here are two books vivified by love of the sea and of ships, and testifying eloquently to our immemorial pride in a peculiar aptitude for seamanship.

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I presume must be called his profession. Officially, Antonio Scarvak is a prosperous egg merchant; in reality he is the head of his city's underworld. Half the city officials are in his pay, and affairs are so topsy-turvy that he can subscribe largely to a public fund started to exterminate his own gang. He is a married man, and a millionaire. He lives in a fortress well provided with machine-guns. He knows all there is to know about "bumping-off," "squaring" the Press and the law, and organising a great business. He also knows that no gang leader can be expected to last more than three years. The three years pass, and he determines to retire from business and return to his own country. His family embark, but—he does not.

It is an astonishing story, which is probably as near to the truth as any writer could make it. It helps to explain why the not very cheerful process of "bumping-off" does so little to prevent other aspirants to leadership from coming forward. It should also cause many of Mr. Coe's English readers to be rather more satisfied than they are with public affairs in their own country. And it will not, I expect, find its way into any of our prison libraries.

And Mr. Whitechurch is at his best in "Murder at the Pageant," the December choice of the Crime Club. Here not only is there a murder, but a valuable pearl necklace is stolen, and it takes more than a single detective to understand precisely what connection there is between the two crimes.

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ROOSEVELT.

"Theodore Roosevelt." By Owen Wister. (Macmillan. 18s.)

"Roosevelt." By Lewis Einstein. (John Murray. 10s. 6d.)

Reviewed by MILTON WALDMAN.

Both these books are concerned with the same purpose: to revivify the memory of a President who was once the idol of the American people, and who has since his death become little more than a name to which is attached the recollection of a vigorous personality and the cartoonist's portrait of prominent teeth and flashing pince-nez. Mr. Wister, the author of "The Virginian" (and of many other excellent books, as he reminds the reader with some acerbity), became Roosevelt's friend at Harvard University, and remained intimate with him until his death in 1920; his study is a personal one based on contact with the man and his circle. Mr. Einstein's is the essay of a politician on Roosevelt the politician's public career.

Neither author quite succeeds in conveying the quality in Roosevelt which so endeared him to his friends and to the American people. Both try to temper their admiration with criticism, but neither makes the essential criticism that their hero was not particularly distinguished for intellect or ideas; that he was often lost and bewildered amongst the subtleties and intrigues of politics; that his success was due largely to an overwhelming personal charm, the ingredients of which neither succeeds in conveying, and to an enormous bubbling energy which cut through or ran over obstacles which its owner's mind was unable to comprehend or his optimism unwilling to recognise. Roosevelt had occasional flashes of insight regarding his own capacities which are more just than the appraisals of his two biographers. Mr. Wister quotes him as saying, "I have—only—a second-rate brain—but—I think—I—have—a—capacity—for action," the dashes representing the manner in which he spaced his words for emphasis.

Roosevelt and Wilson.

Both Mr. Wister and Mr. Einstein devote many pages to the comparison of Roosevelt and his great enemy, Woodrow Wilson, contrasting Roosevelt's warm impulse towards joining the Allies in the war against Germany with the President's cold cloistered caution, but Roosevelt himself realised the situation was not so simple as all that: Mr. Einstein mentions a letter of Spring Rice in which Roosevelt expresses his own personal conviction that the majority of the American people stood behind Wilson and added that "in a crisis of this nature few could be expected to make up their mind for themselves and rightly tended to support the President."

Again and again it becomes obvious in these studies that the late President knew himself better than do these biographers. Mr. Wister frequently asserts that the President was the life and soul of the party of wits and brilliant spirits which gathered round him at the White House, but gives no single example to confirm his memory of the man's brilliance. He succeeds quite well in conveying the superiority of such men as Justice Holmes, Henry Adams, Secretary Root and Ambassador Jusserand, and the rest. One does, indeed, feel that one would have liked to listen to the chat of these men around the presidential board, but one suspects that it would have been the conversation of the guests which provided the pleasure, and whatever affection one had for the host would be because of his warmth and his high spirits. He himself is recorded, at the end of some repartee in which the "bromides and sulphides" of talk are contrasted, as saying, with his head tilted down in his plate, "All the same I have to use bromides in my business."

A Political Tonic.

Roosevelt's great rôle in life was obviously that of a stimulant. In English politics his ordained rôle would have been the leader of the Opposition. He had a great capacity for propagating ideas which were hollow and often quite ridiculous, such as the recall of judicial decisions by popular vote; but the stir that he made on their behalf undoubtedly succeeded in awakening the public conscience to the evils of entrenched power. His political career is a long history of these demagogic appeals urged with violent sincerity, and yet with the good taste inherent in his aristocratic blood. Both Mr. Wister and Mr. Einstein deplore the fact that he was not the leader of the country during the war, but it is quite safe to assume that he would have brought to the office, along with reckless energy and high personal courage, little but a capacity to initiate unsound experiments and to try out immature ideas. Again his own instinct is the soundest, for Mr. Einstein records his remark in 1918, to a prominent politician, that he did not understand the United States any longer and that he had ceased to be the man best fitted for the Presidency; the America he knew was the country he had been able to lead in the early years of the century.

After years of struggle—nearly always honest, often misguided—he had pronounced his own most appropriate political epitaph, an epitaph so suitable that one can understand why, after death, his memory arouses a kind of fondness and respectful pathos, while Woodrow Wilson's is still surrounded by the air of a great tragedy.

The invasion of the West End by publishers is followed by Mr. Batsford, of High Holborn, who has opened a branch in North Audley Street, with a specially arranged gallery for the display of his well known art and architectural books.

BIRD, BEAST, AND INSECT.

"Rambles in Britain's Birdland." By Oliver G. Pike, F.Z.S. (Jenkins. 7s. 6d.)

"The Animal Mind." By C. Lloyd Morgan, F.R.S. (Arnold. 12s. 6d.)

"The Life of the Ant." By Maurice Maeterlinck. (Cassell. 6s.)

Reviewed by H. C. MINCHIN.

Mr. Pike's matter-of-fact records contain no high flights, those of birds excepted, but they bear, in conjunction with the photographs which cost him so much toil and endurance, the unmistakable stamp of veracity. He has disproved, in collaboration with Mr. Edgar Chance, the mistaken notion that the cuckoo conveys her egg in her beak to its chosen nursery, the egg she is often seen carrying being a stolen one. He has risked his neck climbing the almost sheer cliffs of St. Kilda, where the fulmar petrels may be fancied as rejoicing over the abandonment of that island by its human inhabitants, whose staple food they formed. He has scaled the red and yellow battlements of Hoy, where almost every square yard contains its group of sea-birds. He has sought out the kite, grown so rare a resident, in its Welsh fastnesses; and has faced the fierce resentment of mountain ravens at sight of his camera. On this last occasion, the temperature being excessive, he saw what he describes as "one of the most remarkable things I have ever witnessed in the birds' world."

The hen raven, seeing her young gasping with the heat, flew to a small stream, and, seemingly after discussion with her mate, filled her pouch with water and flew back to the nest. Then she poured the water into one of the gaping beaks, and went for more. "Those," comments Mr. Pike, "who put all the actions of our wild birds and mammals down to instinct would have a difficult task to pass this incident off as a case of blind instinct." The remark is just. Surely most people who are interested in the subject must, as a result of their observation and their reading, have given up by now the instinct theory as an exclusive explanation of all that the creatures do. That theory could hardly survive a perusal of "Thy Servant a Dog." Is not intelligence indicated, again, rather than instinct, when the penguins, as Mr. Cherry Kearton has lately told us, unite in communal labour to make a road from their nesting-ground to the sea?

Intelligence Exemplified.

In arguing, therefore, that the higher members of the animal world—not higher in the giraffe sense—are not automata, an author might nowadays seem to be beating the air. Yet Professor Lloyd Morgan's book shows with what subtlety the argument can be handled, and into what deep waters of speculation it may lead us. His conclusion is that the so-called mechanistic theory advocated by T. H. Huxley is no longer tenable. He instances the case of his fox-terrier, Tony, who learnt to let himself out into the road by lifting an iron latch with the back of his head. Tony was observed to make this discovery, in the first instance, by accident; but after some dozen experiences, in each of which the exit was more rapidly made, he learnt to go straight to the right spot. "I could not succeed," adds his owner, "in teaching him to lift the latch with his muzzle"; a fact, I may be permitted to add, which enhances our opinion of Tony's intelligence, since a dog's nose, which forms part of his muzzle, is extremely sensitive, is as important to him as are his hands to a pianist, and as carefully kept from rough collision with the outside world.

Professor Lloyd Morgan bids us, however, proceed with caution. In sheep-dog trials, for example, he judges that all initiation is in the master's mind, the dog merely acting in obedience to his whistle and gestures. Yet a Pyrenean shepherd will sit by the roadside while his dog, withdrawn from his sight, collects his scattered flock upon the mountain, a task which, granting the original impulse to be the master's, must involve (one fancies) at least occasional initiative, if it is to succeed, on the part of the servant.

The Polity of the Ants.

M. Maeterlinck, according to Professor Lloyd Morgan, writes on insects as a dramatist. So he may, but it is probably to this that his writings owe no little of their attraction. Having previously described the polity of bees and termites, M. Maeterlinck gives us in comparatively small compass the life-story of the ant; and its marvellous activities and manifold trials lose nothing in the telling. Exactly what element of the ant kingdom shapes the destinies of the community is in dispute; the author inclines to think that they are moulded by the superior capacity and enterprise of a minority. Thus he has observed that the migration from an old ant-heap to new quarters is effected by the restless activity of a few leading ants, who persuade or cajole the rest into compliance. Even so, entire unanimity is not achieved, for "the genius and the mortal instruments are then in conflict." But in general the insects act in harmony, and are actuated by an altruism not to be found in human affairs. Yet their devotion is for the individual settlement, and does not prevent its members warring on their cousins in another ant-heap. The charm of M. Maeterlinck's style cannot blind us to the profundity of his pessimism. "The ant," he writes, "is far less unhappy than the very happiest of men." Is it not more reasonable to think that between beings so diverse no comparison, in this regard, can be drawn?

RAMBOUILLET.

"Le Château de Rambouillet: Six Siècles d'Histoire." By G. Lenotre. (Paris: Calmann-Lévy. 15 frs.)

Reviewed by LAURIE MAGNUS.

Rambouillet and Lenotre, a good story and a good story-teller: it is a promising conjunction, and the result fulfils the promise. M. Lenotre has written an interesting, indeed, in some respects, a valuable account of a stately home of France, which, through six centuries, has maintained its importance and appeal. The book is valuable because its author has consulted the authorities, including Government archives for the periods when Rambouillet was a Royal or Imperial residence; and it is interesting, partly because it assembles in the volume the particular contacts with general history which the house, as a family mansion, established, and partly because M. Lenotre writes in a style which is at once lucid and attractive. But, after these merited praises, may we say just one word in protest? It is really absurd that a book of this kind, recording names and events of 600 years, should be issued without an index. An English publisher, if it finds one, will also be well advised to add illustrations. It is tantalising to read, for example, of the "precious" Marquise de Rambouillet:—

> She sustains in perfection her rôle of idol. As gracious as she was majestic, she was still beautiful, despite her forty years. At the slightest movement of her head, the jewels shook and glittered in the constellation of her fair headdress, but they were less brilliant than her eyes, radiant with *esprit* in the charming oval of her countenance.

Or of Julie, the heroine of a poetic "garland" of precious verse:—

> Seated at her side, the Marquise held her elder daughter, Julie d'Argennes. She was eighteen years old. The play of her fan conceals her bosom and her bare young shoulders. She is brunette, and *jolie*, despite a rather lumpy nose, which is atoned for by a delicious mouth and by eyes rivalling in *éclat* and intelligence those of her mother.

Or of her lover, Charles, Duc de Montausier:

> The most *posé*, most serious, most austere man in France, he was three years younger than Julie, and fell in love with her at first sight. Personally, he was of a sullen, rough, and even brutal disposition, of a severe visage, which never lighted up.

Thrice Captured.

It is tantalising to read of these and of many other figures from the past, haunting the stones of Rambouillet, and not to be supplied with pictures of some of them. M. Lenotre is a very efficient guide, and we are immensely grateful for his care and trouble, but the index and the illustrations should have been added.

We urge this with due deference to the fact that the castle of Rambouillet was "three times captured, pillaged and burnt by the English, whose exactions brought terror through all the country" in the fifteenth century. M. Lenotre records that—

> In 1845, on the territory of Groussay, which is a *faubourg* of Rambouillet, thirty pieces of gold were discovered, all of the time of Charles VI., except one coin, which bore the superscription of King Henry IV. of England. They had been in the ground for more than 400 years, having been laid there by some fugitive who had placed his treasure in safety, but had never come back to unearth it.

We may say of Rambouillet as the Roman poet said of conquered Greece—*capta victorem cepit*. For M. Lenotre's narrative captivates us, from the date 1514, when the mansion entered history by receiving Rabelais as a guest, and King Francis I. as a huntsman, till the later exploits of Napoleon III. in the hunt. Another Royal visitor was Francis II., who was accompanied by his young wife, Mary Stuart, a year before her return as a tragic widow to Scotland. Truly, this symphony of motives, as M. Lenotre calls his tale, contains echoes of French history.

RUSSIAN ART.

"Masterpieces of Russian Painting." Edited by Michael Farbman. (Europa Publications. £3 3s.)

Russian painting, as exemplified in the exhibition of icons held this time last year in the Victoria and Albert Museum, is entirely derived from Byzantine Art, of which, indeed, it may be considered a provincial branch. In the late fourteenth century the Greek artist Theophanes was responsible for the frescoes of the Church of the Transfiguration at Novgorod, and his pupil, Andrey Rublev, was the native founder of the Novgorod School. This school, as Mr. Byron tells us, "continued predominant during the first half of the fifteenth century, and was only swamped by the Slav tendency to folk-decoration during the reign of Ivan III. (1462-1505)." This tendency is plainly visible in the twenty colour plates which, with forty-three monochrome reproductions, constitute the principal attraction of "Masterpieces of Russian Painting," edited by Mr. Michael Farbman. But several of the works here reproduced cannot correctly be described as "Russian" in anything but ownership. For example, the "oldest and holiest" of these icons "Our Lady of Vladimir," in the Historical Museum, Moscow, was painted in Byzantium in the late eleventh century (?), and brought thence to Kiev in the first half of the twelfth century. It is not Russian at all, but a pure Byzantine work, and its close relation to the famous Madonna mosaic in the Byzantine Museum at Athens is obvious.

Throughout these illustrations the influence of Byzantine art is paramount. It is impossible to look at "The Raising of Lazarus," attributed to Danila Cherny (Moscow, fifteenth century), without being reminded of the rendering of the same subject in the Pantanassa, Mistra. But whereas the painters of Mistra and the masters of the Cretan School show an exquisitely refined colour sense, revealed in lovely and distinctive harmonies of cool colour, Russian paintings are more crude and barbaric in colour.

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Reviewed by SIR JOHN MARRIOTT.

Danger lurks in the recent tendency to rely on pictorial art, or even on eugenic science, as the basis of historical research. Dean Inge appears to have relied on them too much in reaching the startling conclusion that Queen Elizabeth was not the daughter of Henry VIII. For my own part, I have no doubt that she was: but be that as it may, she was beyond all question the granddaughter of Henry VII. Nor is it difficult to trace in the foreign policy of Charles II. a considerable debt, *mutatis mutandis*, to the same Tudor ancestor. No one looking on the portraits of Charles II. would suppose that he, any more than the grim Henry VII., could ever be "merry." Nevertheless, to all time Charles II. will be "merry" as Queen Anne will be "good."

The latest commentator on this period, Mr. Feiling, regards Charles II. as—

> a man of dual political personality, whose pride in his navy, his commerce, and his power, contended with older, perhaps deeper, motives of dynasty, sex, impulse, and religion.

Of the older view popularised by Lord Sheffield that "sauntering was the true Sultana Queen of his Majesty's affections," Mr. Feiling will have none. No competent critic has ever questioned the outstanding intellectual ability of Charles II., or, as far as I know, has denied his moral obliquities. He certainly gave contemporaries the impression that he was impatient of business and industrious only in pursuit of pleasure. But it may be that with him, as with Lord Melbourne, indolence and indifference were a pose, assumed as part of his diplomatic armour. Mr. Feiling, indeed, attributes to him "ceaseless activity in business," though he admits that he loved ease and "liked despatches abridged." Not only, I would add, despatches. Everyone is aware that Charles's impatience of prolonged discussions in Council led to one of the most important developments in our constitutional history—the evolution of the Cabinet system.

It is not, however, with constitutional developments that Mr. Feiling is primarily concerned, but with the diplomatic history of the reign, and particularly the first twelve years of it.

Some Portraits.

It is a tangled story, and Mr. Feiling unravels it with unwearied patience and conspicuous skill. His style shows occasional traces of influences widely exercised of late, and to my thinking, mischievous; but it is highly polished, and far removed from the slipshod carelessness too commonly revealed in recent historical writing. We may, indeed, be sincerely grateful to Mr. Feiling for demonstrating that profound erudition and infinite patience in research are in no wise incompatible with brilliant exposition. He has also (as he has proved elsewhere) a happy gift of characterisation, and uses it not only to paint full length portraits, but to make the minor characters in his story live. Take Sir Henry Bennet, Lord Arlington, for example. Most people, after reading Mr. Feiling, will feel that they have a more intimate acquaintance with him than they had before. Or Sir George Downing, who was for eight years our ambassador at The Hague, and to whom we owe the street where the fate of the world has been not infrequently decided. Or John de Witt, the great Dutch statesman, whose

> mind moved as on wheels of poised, chilled steel, cleaving an even way with smooth precision through wide seas of policy or infinite executive detail.

A Crucial Question.

It is, however, mainly with the diplomacy of Charles II. himself that this book is concerned. It is not an easy nor, in truth, a particularly attractive theme. But it is an important one. The vital question may perhaps be stated thus: Was there any real danger that England might become a dependency of the great Empire which Louis XIV. was bent on establishing in Europe, if not indeed in two other Continents as well? Sir John Seeley pointed out that if Queen Mary Tudor had borne a son, England might in the latter years of the sixteenth century have been absorbed into the Hapsburg Empire. That danger was finally averted by the virile character and determined policy of Elizabeth. In the later years of the seventeenth century it was no longer Spain but France that threatened the "liberties of Europe." Was Charles II. enough of a Francophil and a Roman Catholic to threaten seriously the national independence of England? Or was he, on the contrary, a patriotic Englishman, driven by the niggardliness of the English Parliament to draw supplies from a foreign King whom he was fooling all the time to the top of his bent?

Mr. Feiling's answer to that crucial question is not wholly free from ambiguity. It may be that no clear and definite answer is possible. But there is one fundamental consideration which is insufficiently emphasised by Mr. Feiling. It is this. Charles II., and still more James II., were deceived as to the true character of the "Restoration." They imagined, naturally enough, that it was a restoration of the Monarchy. So it was; but the main reason for the restoration of the monarchy was that without a king, and an hereditary king, Parliamentary government was impossible. Cromwell had learnt that truth; his Protectorate demonstrated it. The dominant motive of the Restoration, as of its complement the Revolution, was devotion to the principle of Parliamentary government. This truth, plain to us, was hidden from Charles II. In ignorance of it, he played for the first twenty years of his reign the game of his opponents. But if Charles was ignorant of one fundamental truth, the Whig opposition was ignorant of another. They underrated the strength of public sentiment in favour of the hereditary monarchy. By their attempt to exclude the Duke of York from the succession they played the game of Charles II., as he had previously played theirs.

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The continent of Africa has always been a vast theatre of tragedy, and few portions of its huge area have seen more or more poignant tragedies than that portion which Vasco da Gama, on Christmas Day, 1497, christened by the name of Natal, "in honour of the birthday of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." For three hundred years after that date most of the settlers on that coast, already "made red with the blood of Portugal," were survivors from shipwreck, and it is by a record of their sufferings and adventures that most of the pages of Mr. Mackeurstan's vivaciously written and extremely interesting book is filled. It was not until 1824 that the first real European settlement was made, and that event, so far from bringing peace and prosperity, was the prologue of eighteen years of dissension and bloodshed, when the country passed definitely under British rule and was annexed to the Cape. The story—or, rather, the series of stories—Mr. Mackeurstan tells with such fine effect is one in which, as in all true histories, heroism and devotion, scoundrelism, greed and stupidity, jostle against each other.

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Reviewed by DILYS POWELL.

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Miss Sitwell has proved so sensitive a critic of "texture" that it seems impious to suggest that she over-stresses its significance. But what else is she doing when, quoting

> To whom thus the Portress of Hell-gate replied,

she observes "'To whom' has the immense bronze-deep clangour and echo of Hell-gate opening and shutting, while the lightening of the last syllable in 'replied' brings the line up into the outer air, far from the majesty and splendour of Hell"? Are the associations of the words to go for nothing, and would "To whom" have the same "bronze-deep clangour" could the Portress of Hell-gate become, without metrical or penal anarchy, the Wardress of Wormwood Scrubbs? Miss Sitwell's introduction, clever as it is, must be read with caution.

An Exclusive Selection.

The volume is the first of three designed to cover the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In her period, "Milton and the Augustan Age," she takes only six poets. One might have guessed five—Milton (the Hymn to Light, "Lycidas" and two songs), Herrick, Marvell, Dryden, and Pope ("The Dunciad"); the sixth, Christopher Smart, represented by the neglected "Song to David," is unexpected, though the fruits and flowers which glitter in its verses were, after all, fairly certain to attract Miss Sitwell's eye. The next two volumes should be less calculable. While awaiting their appearance I can at least humbly record that there is no poem in this anthology which I should wish out of it.

Miniature Masterpieces.

I cannot say quite the same about Mr. W. H. Davies's "Jewels of Song." When will anthologists tire of T. E. Brown's execrable poem beginning with the line "A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!"?—a line which I was glad to see included in Mr. D. B. Wyndham Lewis's and Mr. Charles Lee's anthology of bad verse. And Mr. Davies, not satisfied with this, follows it up with—

> O blackbird, what a boy you are!
> How you do go it!

But one can understand the inclusion of these two poems in Mr. Davies's selection, since they belong to the miniature style of which he is himself so graceful an exponent. Characteristically, this is an anthology of short poems, "little masterpieces within the limit of twenty-four lines." It includes some lovely anonymous lyrics of the early seventeenth century, and ranges from Mr. Evan Morgan's poem "The Eel" to Cowley's question of any Licensing Commission:—

> . . . . why
> Should every creature drink but I?
> Why man of morals, tell me why?

It would indeed be strange if in nearly 300 short poems Mr. Davies had made no choice which could be criticised. But is he not breaking his own rules when he includes three verses from "The Garden of Proserpine"?

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"The Stuffed Owl" has reached its second edition; merit is rewarded. The new edition contains "two more victims," George Eveleigh and Edward Edwin Foot, an index to subjects, and a new batch of "hors d'œuvres," notably Wordsworth's line—

> A fly that up and down himself doth shove.

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This volume, the ninth of that generally admirable series which forms "The National History of France," is fully worthy of the company among which it finds itself. If any single fault is to be found with it, it is that its author, who nevertheless makes it perfectly clear that he is a fervent republican, and that he has but little sympathy either with the founder of the Second Empire with the band of adventurers who exploited him, or with the government he instituted, writes too conscientiously in the minor key. A dash of the spirit of partisanship which Macaulay and Carlyle no doubt often carried to unjustifiable extremes would have added to the interest and need not have detracted from the historical value of a résumé of what Emile Zola justly called "une étrange époque de honte nationale," which is universally regarded as one of the most regrettable episodes in the history of a great country. Founded on crime, the Second Empire was maintained by an astute and insidious tyranny which sapped the very foundations of the national life. It was upheld only by an army glamoured by the name of Napoleon, and when that army was defeated, "the imperial edifice," as M. Arnaud says, "deprived of its natural bulwark, crumbled to bits almost of its own accord, like a castle of cards under the flick of a child's fingers." M. Arnaud's book may be cordially recommended to students of European history as an excellent study.

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I congratulate the Bodley Head on getting the British book rights of the diaries and records of poor Andrée, whose body was discovered on White Island last summer. The book will contain a complete record of the expedition, edited under the auspices of the Swedish Society of Anthropology and Geography, and will be issued at a guinea.

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Keen and poignant curiosity is bound to be raised in a book, "Colossal Blunders of the War," by Mr. William S. Woods, which Allen and Unwin will publish this week. One of them, I understand, resulted in the slaughter of no fewer than 700,000 men without gain to either side.

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I am glad to hear that the admirable scenic work of the late George W. Harris is to form the subject of a memorial volume with a preface by Mr. St. John Ervine, and appreciations by Mr. Basil Dean and Professor Lascelles Abercrombie. It will also contain part of a paper by Mr. Harris himself. But the main value of the volume, which will be issued by Nisbet, will be the reproductions, forty in number, of his work. It will bear the simple title "George W. Harris."

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Mr. H. V. Morton's eagerly awaited volume "In Search of Ireland" will be published this week by Methuen, who have sold over 86,000 copies of his impressions "In Search of Scotland." On the same day Methuen will add Mr. John B. Firth's volume on Middlesex to their Little Guides series, and a book, "Downland Pathways," dealing with the River Arun in Sussex.

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In his Swarthmore lecture, "Democracy and Religion, a Study in Quakerism," which Allen and Unwin publish this week, Professor G. von Schulze Gaevermitz, who holds the Chair of Political Science at Freiburg University, traces the descent of democracy from origins usually unrecognised, and examines the historic mission of the Quakers down to date.

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The Indian situation will be traversed again in the publication by Benn of the Ludwig and Mond lecture on "The Constitution of India" delivered by Sir John Simon at Manchester University. Persia is also running with India as a subject of great interest owing to the forthcoming exhibition of Persian art at Burlington House. So in addition to Mr. Basil Gray's little book on Persian art, Sir E. Denison Ross has written a short work, "The Persians," for the Oxford University Press.

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The author of "Near Neighbours," a new bird book which Humphrey Toulmin will publish, is Mrs. Holden, who is the wife of a member of the firm of Adams, Holden and Pearson, the architects of the wonderful headquarters of the Underground Railway. Nature lovers, I am told, will be fascinated by it.

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The first volume of the book on the R.A.S.C., sub-titled "History of Supply and Transport in the British Army," is by Sir John Fortescue; but the second volume, I hear, will be by a different hand, with a foreword by Sir John. The cost of the two volumes will be two guineas, and they can be had at the R.A.S.C. Record Office at Deptford.

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The career of an extraordinarily interesting old soldier, General James Grant of Ballindalloch, who died in 1805 at the age of 83, has been written by Mr. Alastair Macpherson-Grant, and is almost ready. It will interest Americans, for Ballindalloch was the first Governor of East Florida.

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How good the trade magazines are. The current issue of W. H. Smith's "Book Window" contains an interesting interview with Mr. H. M. Tomlinson, who has much to say about Poplar In the Benn magazine, "Space," we get an account of the Prince of Wales's recent visit to the Benn Hostel. Two new ones are "Bell's Miscellany," from G. Bell, and "The Stork," from Putnam's.

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The selected Crime Club story for next month, to be issued to-morrow, is Mr. Victor L. Whitechurch's "Murder at the Pageant." The other selections are "The Secret of High Eldersham," by Miles Burton, and "The Mysterious Mademoiselle," by Francis Grierson.

J. M. B.

MR. GRAVES'S NEW BOOK.

"But It Still Goes On." By Robert Graves. (Cape. 10s. 6d.)

Mr. Graves wishes this book to be read rather as an appendix than as a progressive sequel to his autobiography. It is a pot-pourri. In the earlier chapters Mr. Graves is very busy telling us about Mr. Graves: how he came to write "Good-bye to All That" and why it was a success; how and where his critics were wrong; and what he really thinks about the War. There follow three short stories, one of which has already been printed by itself. Then comes part of a "journal of curiosities" kept a year ago, and finally there is a three-act play which no theatrical manager is likely to produce except behind doors very securely locked.

The bitterness which marked the previous book is not wholly absent from its successor, but one has to admit that even at his bitterest moments Mr. Graves is good to read. You may disagree, you may be irritated or angered, but even though the cleanest linen washed in public is never too delectable a sight, you have to admire. For Mr. Graves can write, whether it be fiction or fact. His three short stories are admirable experiments of their kind, and the journal is certainly diverting.

The play, however, is what many people will call unnecessary nastiness. It deals very plainly with a problem which is more a matter for the medical profession than for public entertainment. It is popular these days to write about perversions, but the stage hardly seems to be the best platform from which to air one's opinions about them. Mr. Graves might retort that the stage must have its pioneers if it is to be taken seriously, but even so it may be doubted whether this quite seriously-written play will be taken for the dramatic tract it is presumably intended to be. It may reflect life as the tiniest clique finds it, but its "modern" young people, with their curious passion for revolvers, bear but the slightest resemblance to most of their fellows. And a smile at the wrong moment is quite likely to make its appearance.

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THE WEEK AT WESTMINSTER.

A "LIBERAL GOVERNMENT."

AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE.

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WESTMINSTER, Friday.

The events of the week have been the surrender of the Government to the Liberals on the Education Bill and the mismanagement by the Conservatives of their vote of censure on the Imperial Conference. So far as legislation is concerned, there is some plausible excuse for regarding this Government as a Liberal Government. The Land Utilisation Bill is Liberal in its origins and in most of its details; Mr. Lloyd George always adopts the manner of the proud grandfather towards it. The Education Bill last week became a Liberal measure. And there seems no reason why the Trade Disputes Bill if and when it is produced should not be similarly treated. The Liberals are apparently drawing good dividends from their bargains with the Labour Government; whether they are being paid out of capital they will not know till later. But if one's suspicion is correct that the country is sick to death of political tactics, they will pay heavily later for these present drafts of power over current affairs; the Labour Government is not growing in popularity, and the Liberals by keeping it in power may be incurring liability for its discredit.

THE GOVERNMENT'S GAMBLE.

For all that one must once more register the opinion that the Conservatives have done ill not to purchase, at the cheap price at which they could have been had, at least two and a-half out of the five million Liberal votes in the country. The prospect of an alliance between Liberals and Labour and the addition of five million Liberal votes to the strength of the alliance is not one that Conservatives can face with equanimity. It may be, of course, that the next election will see a landslide of opinion to anything and everybody that can be called Conservative comparable to the Liberal landslide of opinion in 1906, but it is a gamble, and no one can feel certain how opinion will jump. The Government, too, are gambling—on an improvement of trade, on the success of the cry of taxing the people's food, and on the effects of an electoral arrangement with the Liberals. A month ago a general election would have resulted in a sweeping victory for the Conservatives, but the continuance of the Government in office makes the result dependent on unforeseen circumstance. As things are, there is no reason why the Government should not stay in for six months or more, and no one can foresee the changes that may take place in the meantime. If policies were nothing but tactics, the Labour Government, despite all its mistakes, has improved its expectation of life since the opening of the Session, and is far stronger in Parliament than anyone then would have thought possible.

UNREAL DEBATES.

Parliamentary discussions tend to become more and more like the observations of a Greek chorus. The more eloquent and intelligent they are the more obvious it is that they have no influence on the course of events. This is decided off the stage. The first two days of last week were almost entirely wasted. On the first the House debated at length whether the chairman of the Standing Committee to which the Land Utilisation Bill have been referred should have the right to select amendments for discussion by the method known as the "kangaroo" closure. The plea of Mr. MacDonald was that this was an urgency measure, and one that might easily lend itself to obstruction unless the Chairman were given powers hitherto only exercised on the floor of the House. He said, justly enough, that the Commons must improve its business methods.

But mark how it sets about improvement. First it wastes a day in arguing whether it shall employ a particular method of saving time. Then the Government makes arrangements with the Liberals about the Education Bill which completely remove all pretence that this is a measure of emergency, for the Bill is not to come into operation until the autumn of 1932. But if this Bill was not urgent there was no reason why the Land Bill should not have been debated in Committee on the floor of the House, and no reason for wasting a day discussing the "kangaroo" closure. And as though that were not a sufficient demonstration of the unbusiness-like methods of the House, the Commons is kept debating the Education Bill until nearly ten o'clock at night without any explanation from the Minister of the changes privately arranged, which have completely altered its character.

The strength of the party system usually makes the result of a debate a foregone conclusion, but it is not often that a Government so openly treats the House of Commons as a mere registration office of arrangements made outside, and the scandal is worse when the Government is a minority Government kept in power by arrangements with the smallest of the three parties.

THE VOTE OF CENSURE.

The Conservative vote of censure on the Government's mishandling of the Imperial Conference was not a success, and the net result of an unsatisfactory day's debate was that at the end the Labour Party was on better terms with itself than it has been all the session. The right line of attack on the Government was for its indecision, its inability to make up its mind or to give any sort of lead to policy. It was not really necessary to raise the issue of food taxes at all, still less the general issue of Free Trade and Protection.

Mr. Baldwin opened the debate in a speech which was pleasant and well-phrased, but seemed to put the debate on ground most favourable to the other side. Charming as Mr. Baldwin's speeches are, they are increasingly destitute of a tactical sense in debate. Mr. Amery did better later, but by that time the current of argument had set too strongly in the other direction. But the great fault of the debate was that the critics were imperfectly equipped with precise knowledge of what had happened at the Conference.

Certainly it is a long time since the Government has had such a good day. Mr. Thomas made a surprising return to Parliamentary effectiveness; in spite of his bad lapse of judgment in using the word "humbug" of Mr. Bennett's offer, it was probably the best speech he has ever made in the House. The hesitation and fumbling had disappeared. He had a straightforward argument well equipped with facts and figures, and he put it forcibly, and at times wittily.

WHERE IS MR. CHURCHILL?

The debate never recovered from this initial check. Throughout the debate one found oneself asking: Where is Mr. Churchill? His argumentative power and skill in rhetorical manœuvre were badly missed, and, though his opinions on Imperial Preference may be less "advanced" than those of some of his party, this was a motion which he could quite consistently have supported. Moreover, his knowledge of the Free Trade position would have helped to make his criticism more effective. One moral of a debate that undoubtedly left the Conservatives somewhat depressed is the old one of *festina lente.* The other moral is that the party cannot do without Mr. Churchill.

Friday saw the Government again in its now familiar attitude of pained indecision, anxious to please everyone, and plaintively pleading that circumstances are too strong for it. The subject was the law of nationality as it affects married women. The Commons gave a second reading without a division to a Bill providing that marriage shall not in itself operate to change a woman's nationality.

IRISH FREE STATE.

THE DRUMM BATTERY.

RAILWAY EXPERIMENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUBLIN, Saturday.

The Drumm battery still pursues the primrose path. The State, it will be remembered, holds a controlling interest in the company that owns and is developing the invention. In asking Parliament for a second instalment of £25,000—the first was £5,000—to continue experiments, the Minister said that among the experts who had seen the battery none had questioned either its novelty or practicability. He added that we had something in the way of battery development that no other country had yet been able to achieve. Professor Allman, of the University of London, who has been called in officially, is reported to be prepared to guarantee success.

So far experiments have been confined to trial runs on an improvised coach on the main line near Dublin. This further sum will be used to build two coaches to carry 100 passengers each, and thus test out the battery commercially on a suburban service. The life of the battery has yet to be ascertained, but in this respect the battery has stood up to continuous tests during the past four months. In the meantime, while experts who are not in the know may be cautious, and even sceptical, the optimism of the Minister, based, he claims, entirely on expert advice, is undiminished. There are many who hope that the dismal position of our railways may be retrieved by the economies that cheap electrification, both in capital and working costs, will effect by means of this invention.

MORE PROTECTION.

The prohibitive duty of 10d. a lb. on butter came as a surprise to everybody following, as it did, after a debate where a motion for a tariff on agricultural produce had been defeated. The official explanation is that the duty is imposed on the advice of the Tariff Commission, and it is intended merely as a protection against forestallers, who would flood the market as soon as it became known that the Tariff Commission was considering an application for a duty on butter.

This seems sound and plausible, but is none the less a dangerous precedent. The actual application made by certain creameries was for a duty of 4d. a lb. It must be remembered that there is no winter dairying in the country. If, therefore, prices are to be kept within reasonable bounds we are dependent on existing stocks, of which there are said to be sufficient in cold storage to meet the demand until the Commission has reported. At the same time, the Government recognises that the consumer is at the mercy of stockholders, and is prepared to take action if prices rise unduly.

THE BUTTER POOL.

How far the actual farmer will benefit by the measure is doubtful. About 60 per cent. of the stocks are said to be held by the marketing pool, to which some 70 per cent. of the creameries are affiliated, and the balance by independent creameries. According to statements in the debate, the pool up to date this year has incurred losses. If this is so, it is unlikely that any part of the increased price will get through to the primary producer. The usual method in creameries is for the milk supplier to receive a monthly cheque in full and final settlement. This is based on the market price of the day. If the creameries individually, or through the pool, choose to hold over stocks and gamble in futures, this is done out of general funds, and the individual supplier is but indirectly affected. As Mr. Hogan himself says, the benefits of a butter duty are exceedingly doubtful. This applies with equal force to the present measure of virtual prohibition. The enthusiast on the Opposition benches who said that his only objection was to an "undue" rise in prices was more illuminating than he was clear-headed or convincing.

SEA FISHERIES.

In this matter of orderly and organised marketing, which is at the moment a fashionable panacea, the new scheme for our sea fisheries is one of interest. Hitherto in certain cases, and especially in the case of the measure before the British Parliament, it has been deemed sufficient to say that marketing shall be pooled and that a dissenting minority shall be compelled to participate. In the army somebody once said a man becomes a cook by the simple process of being told he is a cook. Marketing without thought or preparation seems to follow much the same lines. Success in the past has always followed from effective agreement between producing firms or, in the case of agriculture, from organised co-operation. Certainly this has been the way in Denmark, and with the fruit-growers of California. The Minister of Fisheries intends to proceed on these lines.

Under the new Sea Fisheries Bill, it is proposed to hand over boats, property, and other assets now in possession of the Government to a society known as the Sea Fisheries Association. Any future grants in aid will also be administered through this same body. The association is in all respects a typical co-operative society, registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts. No member can own more than 200 shares, and the society will be owned and controlled by the producers on the basis of one man one vote. Membership is voluntary, but any fisherman who wants to participate in State aid must join. Once he has joined he must market all his catch through the society, and there are strict penalties for malfeasance or breach of contract. The rules of the association have been circulated with the Bill, and, taken altogether, they reveal clearly the inter-dependence of the official and voluntary agencies. It is a well-conceived scheme, free from spoon-feeding and demoralisation. If fishermen do not respond and combine the State can usefully do no more.

SWEEPSTAKE REACTIONS.

The reaction of the sweepstake on hospital finance has already begun. The Dental Hospital, which was a participant in the sweep, has issued a statement to the effect that any such windfall must not, and should not, lessen voluntary support, which is still, as ever, needed. In these days of many calls and high taxation it will be significant to see how the public respond.

OUR PARIS LETTER

THE OUSTRIC CRASH.

AND ITS REACTIONS.

M. TARDIEU'S PROMISE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

At the back of everybody's minds is the effect of the aftermath of a period of speculation. This has taken the shape of the big Oustric crash and the other failures to which this has led. But forewarned of the dangers of the coming settling day, the Government has been busy all this week with efforts to bring about an arrangement for saving another financial group that has been known to be in difficulties. It is therefore hoped that the turn of the month will pass without any further considerable disturbances to the Bourse and to public confidence. M. Oustric's affairs are now in the hands of an examining magistrate, and a couple of days ago the Chamber elected its Commission of thirty-three to investigate the eventual connection between politics and finance in this and other similar affairs.

In M. Tardieu's promise that the Government would place at the Commission's disposal material to allow that body to investigate things as far back as certain alleged scandals connected with the reconstruction of the devastated districts, the Left profess to see a move on his part to stifle the investigation of the Oustric affair, which they hoped to be able to use as a weapon against the Cabinet. Anyhow, in the Commission itself the Government majority is represented by twenty-two members as compared with the Opposition's eleven. But this eleven includes the leader of the Radicals, M. Daladier, who last week alleged at the Tribune of the Chamber that in this affair thirty-two deputies, including some members of the Cabinet, were implicated. So now he will have ample opportunity for making more than insinuations and having his charges properly investigated. But if this Commission produces tangible results it will be the exact contrary to its predecessors. Anyway, since it is strictly forbidden to deal with any of the judicial aspects of the affairs examined, it is not expected to begin its work until the preliminary examination of the various charges brought against M. Oustric is concluded.

THE SEINE IN FLOOD.

Parisians have found irresistible during this last week the fascination of swiftly flowing water. Those who actually dwell in the beautiful old houses on the Ile Saint Louis or in flats along the quays have, however, found the Seine a less attractive spectacle than their fellows. For once every few years the price has to be paid for living in these otherwise charming quarters of the City, for it is no fun to find one's cellars awash and to have the river interfering with one's electric light. But all these last days people who ought to have been going about their business have been idling away five or ten minutes as they cross the Seine to watch the heavily swollen stream swirling beneath the bridges and lapping dangerously high along the parapet.

For once more Paris is threatened with a flood. Little wonder either so far as the weather is to blame. It rained all the summer and it has rained most of the autumn, and now for days it has poured more or less continuously with every now and then a hurricane to liven things up. So the Seine and all its tributaries have been rising, and large tracts in the suburbs of Paris are already under water. But whether the high-water mark reached by the floods of January, 1924, is to be touched this year seems to depend principally upon whether in the course of the next few days the floods carried by the two principal tributaries of the Seine synchronise. If they do, then all the extra parapets that are being erected and all the pumps that are being placed in position are likely to be wanted. For the river has been climbing slowly but surely up the legs of the Zouave on the Pont de l'Alma—the traditional flood gauge for most Parisians. Rumour has it that this is likely to be the last flood that the Zouave will have to brave, for it is said that before long both the Pont de l'Alma on which he stands and the Pont du Carrousel at the bottom of the rue des Saints Pères are to be demolished preparatory to their rebuilding.

TOO MUCH LOVE.

Like everywhere else presumably, the theatre managers and playwrights in Paris are getting distinctly nervous about the future of the theatre in face of the direct attack made upon it by the "talkies." Not long ago certain people connected with the latter even went so far as to propose that every theatre should be fitted up with a "talkie" apparatus so as to allow it to be used for films or plays at will. But managers, espying the thin end of the wedge which might finally push the play out altogether, have treated this proposal coldly. At the present moment the situation in the French theatre world is curious. On the one hand, it is common to hear people say, "Oh, I hardly ever go to the theatre now. I am tired of it. The plays are so poor." On the other hand, theatres are always full, and it appears that the sums paid during the present year in authors' rights is considerably larger than has recently been the case. A seeming contradiction.

The explanation is in large measure that the class which used to be the mainstay of the Paris theatres now goes more and more rarely than it used to do, but that at the same time a large new body of theatre-goers has sprung up. It is to the presence of this latter type of spectator, who has not been brought up in the tradition of the French stage, that the uninteresting character of the many modern plays is often ascribed. But a courageous opinion on the subject has just been expressed by one of the successful playwrights of the younger school, M. Denys Amiel, who declares that both managers and authors have their share in the responsibility for keeping the "good" public away. It might almost be an Englishman speaking when he says that people are tired to death of "love" in the shape in which it forms the basis of so many French plays. M. Amiel even suggests that the public of to-day is prejudiced against love on the stage. He therefore concludes that if nowadays it is to be acceptable as a subject for dramatic treatment it must be attacked from quite a new angle.

A STEVENSON STORY.

PENNY PLAIN, TWOPENCE COLOURED.

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—The most accessible reference to the story of the above will be found in Mr. Erroll Sherson's book, "London's Lost Theatres of the Nineteenth Century," containing as it does a charming chapter, entitled "The Lost Theatres of Toyland."

It has always been a mystery why Stevenson, in his original article in the "Magazine of Art" (April, 1884), while using Webb's scenes and characters from "The Miller and His Men" and "The Smuggler" for illustration, should have given the credit to Pollock, when, indeed, there is no comparison between them. But a recent article in the "Sunday Times," Johannesburg, of May 12 last year, under the present heading, describes a visit to Old Street, when the anonymous writer learnt from the son of William Webb, Mr. H. J. Webb, the true facts of the case:—

> One day Stevenson [who seems to have been much at the shop] told my father that he was writing an article on the juvenile drama for the "Magazine of Art," and that he wanted some pictures with which to illustrate it. My father gave him scenes from this and characters from that, and made up a nice assortment. When he'd wrapt the parcel up he said to young Stevenson: "Here, Mr. Stevenson, where do I come in, in this article?"
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> Stevenson said: "You don't come in at all, Webb—I come in."
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> "But," said my father, "I've collaborated with you in this article. Without me the article would never have been written. I gave you all the information—told you the history of the trade, and what not. And, besides that, you're using my pictures for the illustrations."
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> But Stevenson stuck out. He said he was writing the article, and unless he wrote the article it would never be written. Then my father said that he would not allow him to use the drawings, and the upshot of it all was that Stevenson and the old man had a fearful row in the shop.
>
> When Stevenson left, he turned round to my father and shook his finger at him, saying: "This is going to cost you something, Mr. Webb; this is going to cost you a good deal." And it did.

In conclusion, it may be added that Richard Middleton contributed a characteristic article to the "Pall Mall Gazette" of December 14, 1910, entitled "A Repertory Theatre," which was reprinted in a collection of essays after his death; and that the late John Bouvé Clapp, writing in the "Boston Evening Transcript" of February 6, 1915, on "Pollock's Juvenile Drama: Oliver Twist," mentions the fact, that "at one time there was a large business in these mimic theatres, and nearly fifty years ago there was a store on Washington Street kept by Salome, where an assortment of these plays could be obtained."

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SHOWING A STRONG HAND AT CONTRACT.

Controversy still rages as to what is the best method of informing one's partner, at Contract, that one holds a hand above the average; and as to whether, and, if so, in what form, there should be a compulsory response. Half-a-dozen theories are still competing with one another for popular favour. There is the Vanderbilt Club (showing three Quick Tricks), which has lately been very much under the weather. There is the so-called Big Club (five Quick Tricks), which has had a certain vogue, but is losing ground for reasons similar to those which have destroyed the Vanderbilt. These are: (a) That its extreme artificiality does not commend itself to players; (b) that in most cases it elicits no useful information from partner, and hence—if the adversaries do not interpose a bid—the task of finding the winning suit begins all over again on the second round.

Following the Little (Vanderbilt) Club and the Big Club, there now comes an arbitrary "Two Clubs," of which the significance is not yet standardised. The advantage claimed for this bid—as contrasted with the "Strong Two"—is that it enables cheaper take-outs, which at the same time convey a certain amount of definite information. On the other hand, it enables "One Club," where this is the appropriate opening bid, to be shown in the ordinary way. But I do not think that this "Two Club" bid will have very much of a run. It is popular in one or two of the leading card clubs, but in most of the others the "Forcing Two" bid, of which I will say something in a moment, is steadily gaining ground.

In fact, the issue really lies between the so-called "Strong Two" (i.e., the initial bid of "Two" of a suit to show about four Quick Tricks) and the "Forcing Two," which shows at least *five Quick Tricks*, except where there are two solid suits, in which case 4½ Quick Tricks will do. The difference between these two bids is that the former does not involve, and the latter does, a compulsory take-out by partner. Thus, if I am playing a "Strong Two" I shall open with "Two Hearts," holding:—

♠ x ♥ A K J x x ♦ A x x x ♣ A Q x

Partner will continue the bidding if he has anything worth showing; if not, he will pass, and, of course, my chance of game may be missed.

But if I am playing a "Forcing Two," I should only bid "*One* Heart" on the above hand; to open with "Two Hearts" I should want some such hand as:—

♠ x ♥ A K J x x ♦ A K x x ♣ A Q x

This is a hand on which I can almost certainly make game, and, in any case, it is a hand which I am quite prepared to play, at "Two No-trumps" or at some higher bid, *even if my partner holds nothing at all.* When I bid "Two," therefore, I say in effect: "Partner, I have a hand so strong that the odds are we can make game. For your information, its Quick Trick strength is at least 5 tricks and the longest suit is Hearts. But there are other possibilities. Will you let me know, therefore, if you have a playable suit and a trick or so in your hand? If so, I may be able to assist it. And if you have a still stronger hand, and we can exchange information intelligently, we ought to arrive at a Slam. If, on the other hand, you have nothing, bid 'Two No-trumps.' This will involve you in no risk; for, unless I have all four suits well held, I shall make a further suit bid myself. There is nothing arbitrary or misleading about your 'Two No-trump' call. It is merely the simplest and safest method of passing the bid back to me."

The case for the "Forcing Two" bid rests on this assumption: that it is worth while to make sure of a response from partner on very strong hands and so lose no chance of game where such hands are dealt to one, even at the cost of occasionally missing games through being unable to show a four Quick Trick hand. Theoretically, the pros and cons of the argument are nicely balanced; but in practice it will be found that the "Forcing Two" bid, provided the five Quick Tricks minimum is sedulously observed, pays hand over fist. I have never known a player who had once learnt the use of it revert to the earlier and more slipshod convention. What beginners dislike is being asked to bid "Two No-trumps" on a "bust"; they are terrified lest they should be left in to play it—or, what of course is more likely, to play the hand at "Three No-trumps." Such players are lacking in imagination; they cannot visualise how strong is the holding upon which partner has called. Indeed, it is this incapacity to visualise the combined strength of two hands which marks, more than anything else, the difference between a good Contract player and a bad.

Here is an example from actual play of the "Forcing Two" bid in operation. [Culbertson's team v. an English four—Hand No. 152.]

Y: ♠ A ♥ K Q 7 2 ♦ A K Q 9 5 2 ♣ A 8

A: ♠ 10 7 6 5 3 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ 10 8 ♣ Q 4 2

B: ♠ K 4 ♥ J 10 6 ♦ J 6 ♣ K J 9 7 5 3

Z: ♠ Q J 9 8 2 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ 10 6

B dealt; score—love all; both sides vulnerable. The bidding went: B, "No Bid"; Z, "No Bid"; A, "No Bid"; Y, "Two Diamonds"; B, "No Bid"; Z, "Two No-trumps"; A, "No Bid"; Y, "Three No-trumps"; all pass. A led the five of Spades and ZY made eleven tricks.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. W. (East Grinstead).—No, if you contract for the Grand Slam and fail, you cannot score the bonus for Little Slam.

B. M. S (Seton).—Your particular case is covered by Law 43. The card originally dealt you should have been restored to your hand.

G. D. B. (Manchester).—I am sorry, I cannot undertake to solve problems. As you will realise, there would be no peace for me; apart from the fact that I might occasionally be stumped!

Laurestinus.—At Auction, sitting on the left of the dealer, you doubled an initial bid of "One Heart," holding: Spades, A, K, Q; Hearts, J, 9, 5; Clubs, A, Q, 7; Diamonds, K, Q, 10, 4. This is a perfectly correct bid.

K. S. K. (Seaford).—The declarer leads out of the wrong hand. The fourth player, "being uncertain in which hand he prefers to lead," awaits his turn to play, and then demands that the lead be corrected. There is certainly no offence against the Law, and, in my opinion, none against etiquette. A player who is careless as to which hand he leads from must expect to be penalised in the manner for which the Laws provide.

Manley.—Thank you for your interesting letter. I agree with you that the lead of the fourth best against a "No-trump" declaration is very often far more advantageous to the declarer than to everybody else. This fact, indeed, is generally recognised by good players, and the lead against a "No-trumper" tends more and more to be camouflaged where there is little risk of upsetting the leader's partner.

W. B. C (Tunbridge Wells).—Yes, dummy may draw attention to an incorrect score, and may participate in any discussion arising therefrom. He cannot, however, claim the penalty for a revoke overlooked by his partner. Your argument that the revoke penalty is "part of dummy's score" is ingenious. But it does not become part of the score until it has been properly claimed by the declarer.

R. G. (Dinas Powis).—I am not quite clear what you mean by a "double rubber"; if it had been agreed that the stakes should only be paid on the conclusion of *two* rubbers, such agreement would naturally determine what happened. In its absence, however, YZ would score 125 for their complete game + 27, less 10 points lost on the first rubber. Side bets, if any, would be paid on the first rubber, but not on the second.

J. J. C. (Grimsby).—See reply to M. W. (East Grinstead).

Zephyr.—At Contract, score love all in the first game, Z dealt and passed; A bid "One Diamond"; Y, holding Spades, A, K, Q; Hearts, K, 9, 8, x, x; Diamonds, x; Clubs, Q, 10, x, x, doubled informatorily. Z maintained that Y should have bid "One Heart" or even "Two." Personally, I prefer the double. With Y's holding, there is a reasonable chance of game in any of the other three suits—even after Z's pass. It is up to Y to communicate this fact to his partner.

H. U. F. (W.2).—(a) At Auction, A bids "One No-trump"; Y, "No Bid"; Z, "Two No-trumps"; all pass. Y leads the 6 of Hearts. Dummy puts down the K, 5, 3. Z, holding A, Q, of Hearts only, should play the Queen. (b) Score, AB game and 18; YZ, love. A bid "One No-trump"; Y, "No Bid"; B, "Two Diamonds"; Z, "No Bid"; A, "Two No-trumps." B held: Spades, x; Hearts, A, Q, J, x; Diamonds, Q, 10, 9, 8, 6; Clubs, K, J, 9. I think at the score B's call of "Two Diamonds" was excellent.

E. B. (W.2).—(a) Y bid "Four Diamonds"; B, "*Four* Clubs"; Z then said "Double '*Five* Clubs.'" Z was quite within his rights. To avoid confusion, however I always personally use the formula: "I make it 'Five Clubs,' and double." (b) At love all, Z deals and bids "One Club"; A doubles; Y passes. B holds: Spades, x, x; Hearts, A, K, x, x; Diamonds, x, x; Clubs, K, x, x, x, x. At Auction, B should bid "One Heart," though "One No-trump" would not be wrong. (Certainly not "Two Clubs.") At Contract, B should bid "Two Hearts" if YZ are not vulnerable; if they are vulnerable, he should leave in the "One Club" bid for penalties.

J. L. R. (Ashbourne).—At Contract, score love all, Z (dealer) held: Spades, A, 4; Hearts, 6, 2; Diamonds, A, K, Q, 9, 6, 4; Clubs, A, J, 7, and opened the bidding with "Two Diamonds." A and B never bid. Y, holding: Spades, 8, 2; Hearts, A, K, Q, J, 9, 8, 5, 4; Diamonds, 10, 7, 2; Clubs, none, bid "Five Hearts." Z bid "Five No-trumps"; Y, "Seven Hearts." Was this correct?—There are many ways of bidding such a hand as this, varying according to the conventions which are being played, etc. My own bidding would be: Z, "One Diamond" (the hand is not strong enough for "Two" if the "Two" bid means a compulsory take-out); Y, "Two Hearts" (a forcing overbid); Z, "Four No-trumps" (to show Slam possibilities); Y, "Six Hearts"; Z, "Seven Hearts." Z could, alternatively, bid "Seven No-trumps," as his partner's Hearts must be solid, but as the latter has almost certainly 100 or 150 honours, nothing is to be gained by doing so.

C. D. I. (Leith).—At Auction, the hands were dealt as follows:—Z: Spades, A, K, Q, 8; Hearts, K, x, x, x; Diamonds, x; Clubs, 10, x, x, x. A: Spades, none; Hearts, A, Q, J, 10; Diamonds, A, K, x, x, x; Clubs, K, Q, 9, x. Y: Spades, J, 10, 9, x, x; Hearts, x, x; Diamonds, Q, 10, x, x; Clubs, x, x. B: Spades, x, x, x, x; Hearts, x, x, x; Diamonds, J, x, x; Clubs, A, J, x. The bidding went: Z, "One Spade"; A, "Double"; Y, "No Bid"; B, "Two Clubs." Z, "Double"; A, "Redouble"; Y, "Two Spades"; B, "No Bid"; Z, "No Bid"; A, "Three Clubs"; Y, "No Bid"; B, "No Bid"; Z, "Double"; A, "Redouble"; all pass. B made his "Three Clubs" redoubled.—To begin with, I think Y should have bid "Two Spades" on the first round. Z's double of "Two Clubs" was bad; so, in my opinion, was A's redouble. He was practically certain to drive his adversaries back to Spades. His redouble of "Three Clubs" was very risky. In fact, B must have played well to make the contract (unless, of course, Z and Y played badly). The rest of the bidding I think unexceptionable. A very interesting hand.

(Other correspondents have been answered by post.)

ACROSTICS.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,349.

(The Last of the Quarter.)
Title see,
Each a she.

1. Has ancient keep,
Seems chiefly sheep.

2. The king, (a pity),
Has lost the city.

3. One contemplates
Some magistrates.

4. A titmouse blue.
Is up last? True. BOODLEBAR.

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DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,348. AND ANSWER.

To many folk no sight can fairer be
Than—modern Babylon, beside the sea.

1. Envied by goddess long ago, one may
In Hampshire village be observed to-day.
2. Near earthy entrance this you may espy—
An animal beside a lake now dry.
3. 'Tis close at hand, and, if you changed its head,
Might be an animal or stream instead.
4. Fortunate man her husband must have been;
A tragedy, mingled with cash, is seen.
5. What makes a monarch greedy? Treating thus
His early friend, three words appear to us.
6. She and her sisters on white horses rode,
Or, decked with flowers, dolphins they bestrode.

PAX.

1. L I O N E S S
2. O X S H O T T
3. N E A R
4. D R U S I L L A
5. O N A T H A N
6. N E R E I D

NOTES.—Light 1. Tennyson, Demeter and Persephone; one in Liss. 2. Claygate is next station. Shott, a lake now dried up. North Africa. 3. Bear, Wear. 4. The wife of Felix; Acts, xxiv., 24. Felix, fortunate. Luria, Browning's tragedy, and £ s. d. 5. David, avid, Jonathan; decapitation. 6. White horses, waves topped with white.

Acrostic No. 1,347 (Kinglake).—Correct answers were received from 109 solvers, incorrect from 25; total, 134.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

With No. 1,349 printed above, the autumn quarter comes to an end. A new series of acrostics will start next week, and will run for thirteen weeks. Prizes to the value of £10 will be awarded to the most successful solvers. The rules will be published in full, and competitors are requested to read them carefully, for every quarter a few solvers penalise themselves by infringing them.

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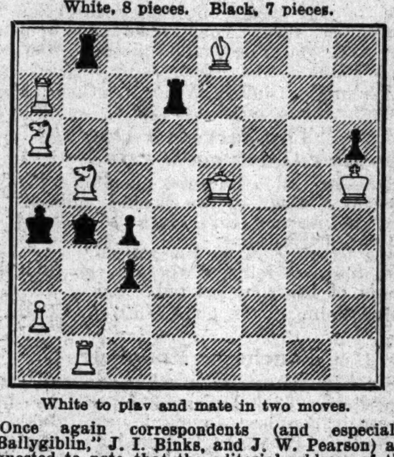
By L. VAN VLIET.

Solution of Problem No. 2,320: 1. K—Kt4, K—B5; 2. Q—R2, K—B4; 3. Q—B7 mate! If Black plays, 2. K—Q6; 3. Q—K2. Or, 2. . . . K—Kt6; 3. Q—QR2. The pawn prevents a second solution: 1. Q—KB6, K—B5; 2. Q—B2, etc.

PROBLEM No. 2,321.—By HENRY A. READ.

White, 8 pieces. Black, 7 pieces.



White to play and mate in two moves.

Once again correspondents (and especially "Ballygiblin," J. I. Binks, and J. W. Pearson) are requested to note that the editorial address of the SUNDAY TIMES is now: 135, Fleet Street, E.C.4.

CORRECT SOLVERS.

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Several correspondents are thanked for problems.

COUNTY CHESS.—KENT v. SURREY.

Subjoined is an interesting game, played on the top board, in the match Kent v. Surrey (100 aside), specially reported in the SUNDAY TIMES last Sunday:—

	White. C. F. Cornwall (Surrey).	Black. H. H. Cole (Kent).		White. C. F. Cornwall (Surrey).	Black. H. H. Cole (Kent).
1	P—Q4	P—Q4	24	P—B4	K—B1
2	P—QB4	P—QB3	25	K—B2	B—R3
3	P x P	P x P	26	P—KR4!	R—QR sq
4	QKt—B3	QKt—B3	27	P—R3	R—R5
5	Kt—B3	B—B4? (a)	28	P—KKt3	R—K5 (g)
6	Q—Kt3!	Q—Kt3 (b)	29	R—B3	B—Kt2
7	Q x Q	P x Q	30	R—K3	R x R
8	Kt x P	R—Q sq	31	K x R	B x B
9	Kt x P (c)	Kt—Kt5!	32	R x B	R—Kt3
10	P—K4 (d)	B x P	33	P—QKt4	P—K3
11	B—Kt5 (ch)	B—B3	34	K—Q4	R—Q3 (ch)
12	B x B (ch)	P x B	35	K—B4	K—K2
13	Castles	Kt—B7	36	P—Kt5	R—Q2
14	R—Kt sq	Kt x P	37	P—R4	R—Q8
15	Kt x Kt	R x Kt	38	P—QR5	R—B8 (ch)
16	B—K3	R—Q3	39	K—Kt4	K—Q3
17	QR—B sq	Kt—B3 (e)	40	P—R6	R—QR8
18	B—B4	R—K3	41	R—K3	P—R3
19	KR—Q sq	P—Kt3	42	R—R3!	R x R (h)
20	B—B7!	Kt—Q4 (f)	43	K x R	K—B2
21	Kt x Kt	P x Kt	44	K—Kt4	P—K4 (i)
22	R x P	P—B4	45	P x P	P—Kt4
23	B—K5	R—Kt sq	46	P—K6!	Resigns (j)

(a) A serious lapse: Kt—B3 would have made an even position.

(b) The pawn was lost; although a less discouraging surrender might have been: 6. . . . Q—Q2; 7. Kt x P, P—K3. Or, 7. Q x QP, Q x Q; 8. Kt x Q, Castles.

Continued at foot of next column.

THE OATH'S SANCTITY.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—Whether or no it be the fact (as Mr. Justice McCardie asserts, though you, in a leading article of Sunday last, question it) that perjury is growing in the courts, it can hardly be doubted that it is very prevalent there. Allowing for the exaggerations of partisanship, in quite a large number of cases no other inference is possible than that there has been "solid and profound lying" on one side or the other. The Divorce Court, in particular, is unfortunately always more likely to resemble an Inferno of Lies than a Palace of Truth, those who qualify for attendance there having already laid a long trail of equivocations which must "honourably" lead up to its climax of perjury. A long professional and official experience, however convinces me that the courts can do something towards stemming the swelling tide (if it be swelling), and I make one or two suggestions with that object:—

(1) In cases of high crimes and misdemeanours the oath should be administered in the Scotch form—"I swear by Almighty God, as I shall answer to Him at the great day of Judgment," etc.

(2) It should not be read from a card, but administered by the officer of the court. Its significance is lost if the attention is concentrated (as it often is) on a laboured spelling-out of the form.

(3) The officer, as he requires the witness to repeat the words after him, should by his demeanour (and, believe me, there is much virtue in an admonitory eye) endeavour to convey to him that oath-taking is a serious business, instead of the mere form it appears to be if the oath is administered mechanically.

(4) Witnesses should be kept out of court until they are called in to give evidence, and, unless excused by the judge, required to remain in court until the evidence is closed. It is astonishing how careful a witness is who gets no hint of the statements made by a previous witness, or of admissions elicited under cross-examination.

G. WASHINGTON FOX.

Kingston-on-Thames.

Sir,—Charles Lamb, I think, draws attention to the dichotomy induced in the minds of the less literate by the practice of putting on oath—as though, he says, one kind of truth was good enough for the commerce of everyday affairs and another for a court of law. But if your admirable leader does not reflect the overwhelming opinion of the country, we must indeed be in a bad way.

A famous Edinburgh advocate was examining a witness. "Now, my lad," he said, "do you understand the nature of an oath?" "Yes, sir," was the reply; "you remember, I used to be your caddy."

Glasgow. WESTWOOD MACNEILL.

Continued from preceding column.

(c) Superior seems: 9. Kt—B7 (ch), K—Q2; 10. Kt—Kt5, or Kt—Q5.

(d) Now the only move, and, unfortunately for Black, he could not, safely, play Kt—B7 (ch); because of 11. K—Q2, Kt x P (best); 12. Kt x Kt, R x Kt (ch); 13. K—B3, R x P; 14. B—Kt5 (ch), etc., with a winning game.

(e) Much too late.

(f) There is no alternative; and the rest is an unequal contest.

(g) Threatening to win a piece, with R x B!

(h) If R—Kt 8 (ch); 43. K—R5, K—B2; 44. R—B3 (ch), K—Kt sq; 45 K—Kt6!

(i) "Nil desperandum"! Though resignation was in order.

(j) Either the RP or the KP "Queens." Only a strong player could have held out so long after his mistake on move five.

Intending competitors in the Individual Correspondence Tournament, 1931, of the British Chess Federation are reminded that to-morrow is the closing date for sending entries to the Hon. Secretary of the Federation, Mr. L. P. Rees, St. Aubans, Redhill, Surrey.

FILM NOTES.

"ANIMAL CRACKERS."

TOPSY-TURVY VIEW OF LIFE.

By SYDNEY W. CARROLL.

Of all the crazy, inconsequent, punning assaults upon our senses ever perpetrated by a quartette of clowns, "Animal Crackers" is the merriest and maddest. It is impossible not to split with laughing at Groucho, Marx, and his three brothers, or at least at Harpo and Chico, but the extreme vulgarity and absurdity of the entertainment reduces the Carlton Cinema to a booth of buffoonery. The puns are so far-fetched, the comic action so preposterous, the story, what there is of it, so silly that the whole evening resembles an interlude spent with some talented musicians whose brains have revolted in an insane asylum. It is true that a skeleton at the feast in the shape of a plot does make random and spasmodic appearances with three pieces of painted canvas passing from hand to hand, but the banquet otherwise is an orgy of nonsense. It may be unfair to compare this latest musical effort of the Marx Brothers with "Cocoanuts," but one cannot help feeling that if artistry ever enters into this class of production at all it favoured the former rather than the latter.

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America has played us some sad tricks at various times, but it has seldom done us a worse turn than "Half Shot at Sunrise." In this the war is guyed with even more recklessness than was pursued in its actual counterpart. Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey as two cross-talk "dough-boys" ramble through Paris and into the front line with a persistent defiance of the probable and accompanied by music and gags. But, after all, if we must make fun of the world's greatest tragedy, does it matter much how the fun is made?

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The two pictures at the Empire this week are terribly British and frightfully American respectively. "Compromising Daphne" is one of the worst efforts of the British International. It tries to combine English society impropriety with amusement, and employs to small purpose a number of clever actors and actresses on a version of the stage play by "Valentine." The work of C. M. Hallard, Viola Compton, Barbara Gott, Leo Sheffield, Jean Colin, and Phyllis Konstam seemed to be quite wasted. The direction of "Talkies" calls for special gifts, which do not seem as yet generally available on either side of the Atlantic.

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For example, in "One Night at Susie's" the improbable is again exploited to its welcome demise. Imagine a hard-faced, elderly "mother" of criminals, the conductress of a "flop house," otherwise a home of refuge for gangsters, spending her last years in trying to make an adopted son a respectable member of society. So true to life, all this. Imagine the boy, consigned to prison (Sing Sing, of course) for another's crime, eating his heart out with unsatisfied ambition (in his spare time and at night he writes three-act plays in his prison cell). He gets that ambition realised by means of Billie Dove, who, as a pretty chorus girl, sacrifices her virtue for his sake and, incidentally, becomes a famous actress in the process. I am not unduly insistent upon ethics, but, really, I feel inclined to homilise upon this persistently topsy-turvy treatment of lif How much longer must we endure the exaltation of wrongheadedness and twisted morality on our screens? One word spoken at the right moment would have made impossible the imprisonment of this youth (played admirably by Douglas Fairbanks, jun.); another word would have prevented the attempted seduction of the chorus girl by one man and her ultimate betrayal by another, whilst the demoralising glamour thrown round all these crooks and rulers of the underworld converts the cinema into a mere irresponsible agency for crime. No one likes a good crook story more than I do, but do let us get our values right. Vice is vice, or should be, even in "the talkies." There are, or should be, limits to the redemptive power of love. Helen Ware is solidly melodramatic as Susie.

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A "faithful follower" of this column writes to point out to me that the pronunciation of the word Earl as Oil in the film, "Three French Girls," is the result of a Bowery dialect, and cannot be looked on as a common Americanism. The two characters in this picture, according to the tale, hailed from Brooklyn, N.Y., and referred to oysters as "ersters," to skirt as "skoit," etc. This is the perversion of English commonly adopted by American sailors, prize-fighters, etc. In the States, audiences find this dialect as amusing as we do Cockneyisms. In "Let's Go Native," almost the whole humour of "Skeet" Gallagher's part depended on his Bowery accent, which did not raise a laugh at the Plaza, owing to the unfamiliarity of English audiences with this dialect. They will, however, soon be at home with it, if we may judge by its frequency.

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There is to be no change at the Plaza, where "Anybody's Woman" is for the third week continuing to enhance the popularity of Ruth Chatterton, the finest melodramatic actress America has given to the talkies; no change at the Tivoli, where Eddie Cantor maintains his favour in "Whoopee"; none at the New Gallery with "A Woman's Corner." The Capitol, however, will stage "Renegades," a Moroccan romance of the Foreign Legion, with Warner Baxter, Myrna Loy, and Noah Beery. The Marble Arch Pavilion will present "Birds of Prey," with Robert Loraine, Warwick Ward, Aubrey Smith, and Dorothy Boyd. This is Basil Dean's second talkie, adapted from A. A. Milne's detective play, "The Fourth Wall."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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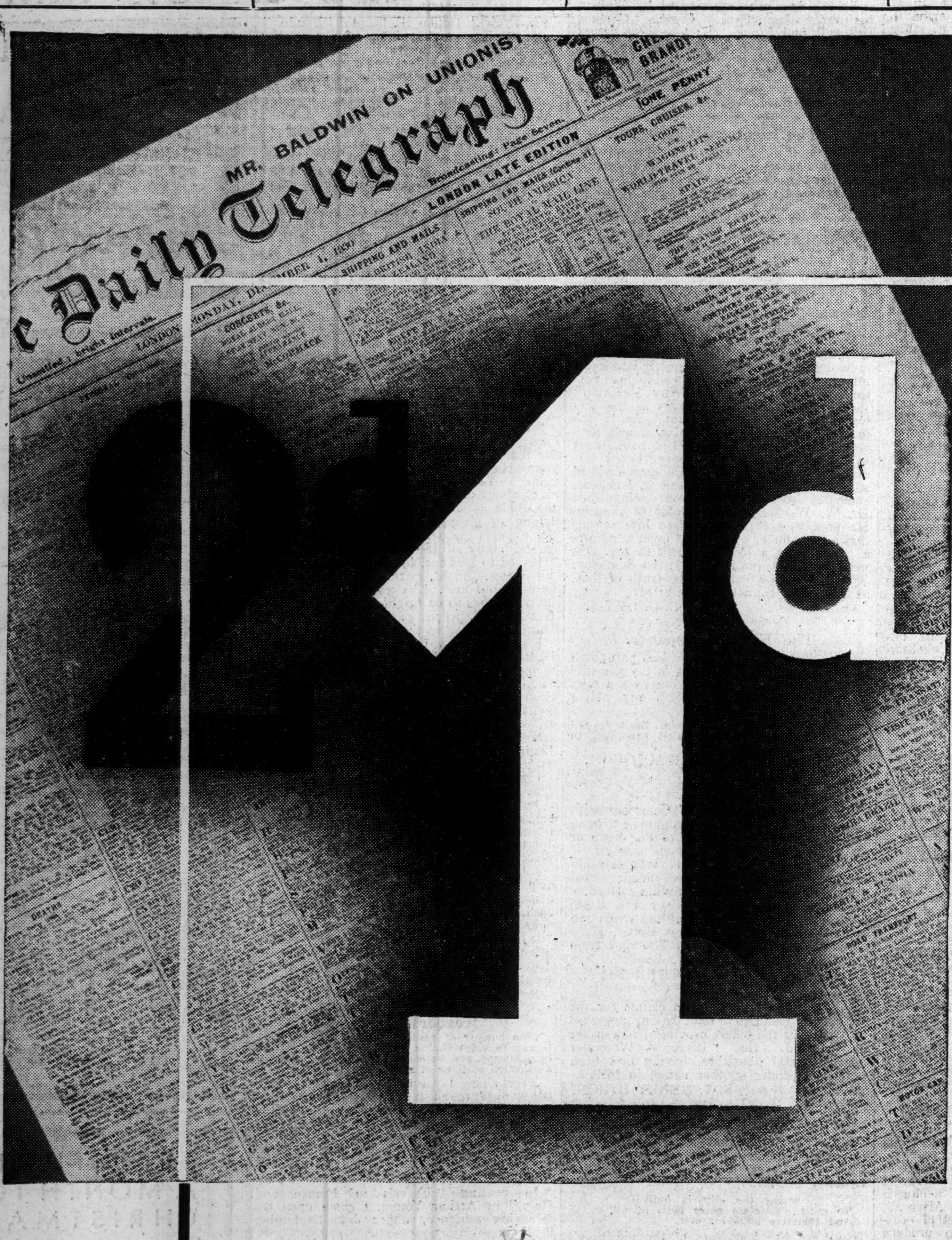
A meeting of the Dean and Chapter of the See of Exeter was held in the Cathedral when Dr. Phillpotts was elected to the See of Exeter.

It is stated that Prince Leopold intends to give away, annually, about £20,000 to various charities and institutions in London, instead of resigning any part of his gratuity. His income, we hear, is about £60,000 a year.

Some days ago his Majesty, dressed in a plain great coat, took a walk into the City quite *incog.*, and was only recognised by a few persons, who immediately took off their hats as he passed; his Majesty bowed in the most condescending manner.

We hear that Crockford has offered to sell his Club-house in St. James's Street, at a loss of £20,000, and it is rumoured that the *University* and *Oxford and Cambridge Clubs* are to unite and occupy the house. This plan would cement one good and popular club of 1,500 members, and in such case the *Literary Union Club* would, no doubt, take the University house in Suffolk Street.

It is reported that the Duke of Richmond was offered and declined, upon the double ground of its being unconstitutional for an adviser of the Crown to hold a household situation about the Court, and of the office being a sinecure, the place of Master of the Horse, after it was found impossible for him to retain the Ordinance. It is further reported that his Grace, upon the same principle of scrupulous disinterestedness, declines to receive the salary annexed to the office of Postmaster-General.



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A WANDERER'S NOTEBOOK.

A WALLED CITY.

By E. V. LUCAS.

In writing recently about the new additions to the Victoria and Albert Museum I mentioned, as one of the very latest, the beautiful staircase from The Hall, Glastonbury, which has been set up there. As it chances, one of the few novelties that I found in the Tower the other day is also connected with a staircase: the set of nine carved wooden figures of English infantrymen of the seventeenth century, brought from a balustrade at Cromwell House at Highgate. They stand about sixteen inches high and are exact enough to be of worth to students of costume. Beyond these and a votive tablet to which I shall come in due course, the Tower seemed to me as it always has been; but I was struck afresh by the activity of its populace as distinguished from sight-seers. It is a city within its own walls, with a separate life continually going on behind those many doorways marked Private, and in all the residences, whether important or humble. Errand boys were delivering goods; motor vans rushed in and out; a jesting soldiery was in evidence on all sides; bugles sounded; children, looking all out of place in this gloomy fortress, played together; and dogs belonging to privileged inmates were being exercised: one of them, a Dandie Dinmont, at the risk of its life, owing to the belligerence of a raven.

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I find myself not to be a lover of the raven. He has a disgusting way with his food, which consists of raw meat, the débris of which appeals to sparrows who ought to know better; his beak is of iron and terrifying; and he croaks clamorously from the tops of tombs. What the greedy fowl says is only too distinct: "Ever, more." But tradition has made him as sacred to the Beefeater as the ibis to the Egyptian, and I would never dream of doing him harm, even though the White Tower has cross-bows in plenty.

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When all is said, I think the White Tower, with its fine array of armour, is the most fascinating part of this stronghold, although I could wish that those notices in the ancient Chapel of St. John instructing male visitors to remove their hats were taken down. The glitter of the Jewel Room naturally is the principal attraction, but there is something a thought too ostentatious and even tawdry about the paraphernalia of regal state. Those crowns, several sizes too large, may be of gold and diamonds and emeralds, but behind the bars they have much the same appearance as the stage properties I see in the theatrical costumiers' windows round about Covent Garden. So far as I am concerned, these bars could safely be taken down to-morrow; my temptations lie in other directions, although I confess to looking with some indulgence, if not actual longing, at the Order of Merit.

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The pathetic messages carved by prisoners in the Beauchamp Tower are not to be forgotten; and I listened with a kind of awed wonder and even admiration, as I do in the presence of all fluent speakers, to the voluble beefeater who lectures on Sir Walter Raleigh and other illustrious personages connected with the Tower that is called Bloody, and who possesses a knowledge of English history which seems to be second only to that of Professor Trevelyan; but, incidentally, I was pained to find that not all the vigilance of the custodians has been able to prevent the walls of the Little Princes' death chamber from being covered with the autographic trail of the tripper.

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But to wander in the White Tower among the armourers' beautiful steel work is best. What a sad decline in smith work has come about, one can see in a moment by looking at the maces and horses' harness and battle-axes of the past, every one of which is a masterpiece of thought and care and artistic pride, and then noticing among them three trench clubs of the last war: mere wooden truncheons with some ugly spikes at the end. There are maces here as exquisite in design and balance as Cellini's crucifixes—with what blood once imbrued? And the suits of armour, how intricate and noble, chief among them that delicate covering of chased steel made for Charles I. when Prince of Wales: so very small and dainty, perched now on the cream-coloured charger which the hand of Grinling Gibbons itself carved from wood; and, at the other extreme, the suit devised for that mountain of a monarch, every yard a king, Henry VIII. Footnotes to history, if you like!

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As I was leaving this frowning citadel, where, no matter how the sun may shine and the Beefeaters burnish in its rays, one never loses the sense of tragedy, I noticed on the wall opposite the entrance to the Jewel Room a tablet. It bore the modelled head, in relief, of a gentle creature named Alexander John Forsyth (1769-1843), and was erected, tardily, last year, in his honour. Why so much time was allowed to intervene is a mystery I cannot probe; but there the memorial is—better late, I assume, than never—raised to celebrate its subject's residence in the Tower in 1806 and onwards, as an experimentalist in the nature of gunpowder and explosives and particularly in the mechanics of detonation. The account of Forsyth in the "Dictionary of National Biography" corroborates my impression of him as an amiable soul, for I find that this investigator into the technique of slaughter, this inventor of the percussion system which has sent millions of men to their death, was a Scotch minister whose "pastoral duties," while he was absent from his flock pursuing his lethal inquiries in London under Lord Moira, Master-General of Ordnance, were "provided for." Having devised "a lock that answered all requirements," he returned to his manse to resume his task of spreading the gospel of peace and good will.

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Forsyth, who had received an offer of £20,000 from Napoleon for his secret, and repudiated it, was without any reward from a grateful country until, after many years of agitation by his friends, a small pension was granted him. It was on the morning on which the postman brought him the first instalment of this belated guerdon that he died.

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Coming away, I had a further opportunity of marvelling at the loquacity of others. It was the beginning of the dinner hour, and already the orators of Tower Hill were in full swing. One of them was fortified in his rhetoric by a stuffed tiger, and all had audiences save an old bald, white-bearded man, who was addressing the void on the beauty and self-sacrifice of the life of Christ.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Hon. Miss Plunket.

Sir,—I beg to enclose you a letter from the editor of Debrett's Peerage, in which he states that the Hon. Katherine Plunket, whose birthday you announced on Sunday last, has undoubtedly reached the wonderful age of 110 years, having been born in November, 1820. Your readers will remember that you raised the question whether Miss Plunket was 106 or 110.

Athenæum Club, S.W. C. H. M.

"Thy Servant a Dog."

From SIR CHARLES COOK, K.C.B.

Sir,—In Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "Thy Servant a Dog," I see several allusions to the hunting-song that begins (I believe):—

Drink, Puppy, drink,
And let every Puppy drink, &c.

Will someone tell me where I can find the words of the song set out?

Godalming. CHARLES A. COOK.

Fouché or Fouquet?

Sir,—In his article on St. Evremond your contributor Mr. Desmond MacCarthy has evidently confused Joseph Fouché, Duke of Otranto (1759-1820), sometime Minister of Police, etc., under Napoleon I., with Nicolas Fouquet, Marquis of Belle Isle (1615-1680), Superintendant of Finance under Louis XIV. It was, of course, Fouquet who was the contemporary of St. Evremond. FRANK HEYDEMAN.

Park Place, S.W.

The Legs of a Man.

Sir,—With reference to the refusal of the late Dr. John Young to wear Court dress when Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland, a few words of explanation are necessary. Dr. Young was originally a minister of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. It was never the custom of the Moderators of that Church to wear Court costume, and when by union with the Free Church the U. F. Church was formed, Dr. Young simply adhered to the tradition of his section.

Another U. P. divine who acted likewise when similarly honoured was the late Dr. Hutton, of Paisley. He excused himself by quoting from Scripture the words: "The Lord delighteth not in the legs of a man."

Seven Kings, Essex. PRESBYTERIAN.

The Chantrey Bequest.

Sir,—What are the terms of the Chantrey Bequest? Have the directors of the Tate Gallery the right to do as they please with these pictures after purchase? It is one thing to lend a picture to a local gallery for a time, but quite another thing to allow the picture to remain out of London permanently.

Two or three years ago I inquired what had become of the Chantrey Bequest picture by Calderon, R.A., known as "Renunciation." The attendant informed me the picture was "in such and such a gallery"; and after a year or more it was going "to such other gallery." He did not think it would ever return to the Tate. The same is true of other pictures we should like the opportunity of again seeing here in London.

Overseas League, S.W. E. M. WYNNE.

Gaelic Not "Erse."

Sir,—Permit me to inform your correspondent Mr. Thos. F. C. Lyle (Belfast) that no Scottish Gael, educated or uneducated, would refer to the Gaelic language as "Erse." The origin of this odd expression seems "wropt in mystery"; at all events, it is native to neither Scotland nor Ireland. The Gaelic language, whether Irish or Scottish, is termed *Gàidhlig* by all speakers and writers of the language. In English it is styled by Irishmen "Irish," but by Scots "Gaelic."

Formerly, Gaelic was styled by Scotsmen "Scots," or the "Scottish Language"; but in consequence of the rise in Scotland of a dialect of English, the terms referred to were usurped by that importation. For my part I think that the interloper should now be ejected from the seat it usurped lang syne, and the ancient usage restored.

R. ERSKINE OF MARR.

Aboyne, Scotland.

German War Memorials.

Sir,—Allow me an answer to the letter of Mr. J. Maynard Saunders about "Armistice Day in Germany" in your number of November 16. Mr. Saunders errs in stating that war memorials are seldom erected in Germany. In nearly all German towns and even in all villages war memorials have been erected, either in the churchyards or on the churches themselves, or somewhere else in the town. If there are only a few in the Rhineland, it has a reasonable justification, because the people in the Rhineland waited with their memorials till the allied troops of occupation left the country. In the last months economical distress has stopped the intention. But there is no doubt that within the next few years war memorials will also be erected in the Rhineland.

I shall be very glad if you will publish this answer for the honour of the German people, who have not forgotten their dead in the Great War. B. LENZ,

Editor, "Stuttgarter Neues Tagblatt."

Stuttgart.

November.

Sir,—For his delightful article on November all lovers of the month will grateful to Sir John Foster Fraser. One of the most charming of months, it is at the same time one of the most maligned. Of a dull, cold day in July or in September numbers of unobservant people will say: "This is just like November."

Perhaps they are not up early enough in the morning to see its glowing sunrises; they are too busy to pause to watch its unparalleled sunsets. They are too unobservant to notice the blue of its skies, the glow and sparkle of its landscapes.

Like Sir John Foster Fraser, I love November. I love the mist and the muddy lanes and the damp silence of the woods with the leaves thick upon the ground. I remember that delightful passage in "Diana of the Crossways," where Diana says to Redworth: "How long these November sunsets burn, and what hues they have! Now I understand why you always used to choose your holidays in November."

Colchester. MARY R. RALLING.

Congregational Singing.

Sir,—I am afraid the church service described by "Vox" in your last issue is only too often found in London churches.

If "Vox" should be in London on a Sunday evening, and has the energy to take the Underground journey to Mark Lane Station, ten minutes from Charing Cross, opposite that station is All Hallows, Barking-by-the-Tower. In that church there is usually, at 6.30, a large congregation of young men and women, being "practised" by that delightful singer Clive Carey in unison, congregational singing, assisted by a choir of "Toc H" members.

The result is a service in which it is a joy to take part. The congregation comes from long distances, and finds it worth while.

London, S.W. CONTRALTO.

Sir,—It seems only fair that a choir which attends church services regularly year in, year out, should have an important part in the church service. Almost all of our great musicians have been members of a church choir at one time in their lives. After all, congregations in the main consist of occasional churchgoers only, and to produce music to the like and dislike of a congregation like this would soon drive a choir-master or organist out of his wits.

If "Vox" is keen on singing, let him, "and his hymn-book too," with a properly pointed Psalm-book with music, attend church regularly. He will soon learn the tunes and master the "Trip-you-up-and-down-you-come" metre he deplores.

Somerset. CHORISTER.

Our Ruined Abbeys.

Sir,—I was much interested to read Mr. Lucas's article upon abbeys, and can sympathise in his disappointment at being denied access to Rievaulx upon a Sunday. There does not seem to be a realisation that that day would suit a good many people who desire to visit similar places of national and historic interest, although, of course, some thought must be had for the caretakers and others who might conceivably look upon this day as their own.

At the same time there would seem room for such a protest as Mr. Lucas makes, and I have a lively recollection of making a journey one Sunday in June to Glastonbury and finding the abbey grounds fast locked, with only a view of the Abbot's kitchen through some railings, and the taking of it and the Gate House on one plate to round off the day. As the site is the property of the Church their attitude is possibly on a par with that of the authorities of Norwich Cathedral, from which, I regret to say, I was turned out a year or two since (on a Sunday), although the state of things may have altered since under the régime of the present Dean, Dr. Cranage.

In case Mr. Lucas contemplates a further visit to Rievaulx on a week-day I may record that he will be amply repaid. The site is administered by the Office of Works, which has cleared it in a remarkable manner, and, as work is still in progress, it may be assumed that by next year there will be still more to see.

S. F. D. HOWARTH.

South Island Place, S.W.

Sir,—Mr. E. V. Lucas, in his notes on "Abbeys," says that Hayles is the only abbey that he knows that has lifesize models of a Cistercian monk and a lay brother. He may be glad to know that he will find the same (and also one of an abbot) in the museum in the "mother" abbey of Beaulieu, to which he also refers.

Copthorne. V. G. PARSONS.

Sir,—I am always interested in the articles by E. V. Lucas. He says Hayles Abbey was founded in 1245 by Richard II., son of King John. Surely this is a slip, and he means Richard of Cornwall, the King of the Romans, the restless and ambitious adventurer, who had the misfortune to be a son of John.

Leamington. H. CARR SMITH.

From LADY BEATRICE PRETYMAN.

Sir,—I should like to tell Mr. Lucas of a charming book called "Abbeys," by M. R. James, Provost of Eton; it is very fully illustrated, and is also supplied with maps, besides being a mine of information.

BEATRICE PRETYMAN.

Orwell Park, Ipswich.

[Letters also received from Scoren Saben (Looe), W. G. Royal-Dawson (Bournemouth), H. A. Newth (Dursley, Glos.), and E. R. Fasnett (Bedford).]

Lord Birkenhead's Library.

Sir,—May I be allowed, as one who, now that Lord Birkenhead is gone, probably knows more than anyone else what the library contained, to make one or two material corrections of the very appreciative article which appeared in your last Sunday's issue?

There was no recent purchase of "a thousand lots" of the classics. That section of the library was the gradual growth of years. The very last purchase ever made was Sir James Frazer's monumental edition of Ovid's "Fasti." A minor point is that the Pompadour "Iliad" is not a translation, but the original text.

In the next place I rather demur to the statement that the library "was not very strong in history." It is true that Stubbs wasn't there—Lord Birkenhead was not a history tutor—but there were Clarendon, Hume, Lingard, Motley, Alison, Napier, Kinglake, Gardiner, Freeman, Froude, and the Cambridge Modern History, while ancient history was represented by Gibbon, Niebuhr, Mommsen, Grote, Curtius, Thirlwall, and Arnold. I quote these names from memory. On the semi-historical side there was abundance of Memoirs, such as Walpole's or Greville's.

JOHN V. THOMPSON.

Mowbray Road, S.E.

The Eighteen-Eighties.

Sir,—In the volume of essays on the eighteen-eighties lately published under the editorship of Mr. W. de la Mare I notice two statements which seem to me to require correction. On p. xvii. of the introduction, regarding Walter Pater, whose gentle and intriguing personality was fully known only to his near friends, reference is made to "the rumour of that primrose-yellow panelling in his rooms at Oriel." Pater was as an undergraduate at the Queen's College; in the eighties he was a Fellow and tutor of Brasenose; he had no connection with Oriel.

On p. 232 it is stated that the author of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," E. L Dodgson, "when a fond Victorian mamma invited him to admire a not easily admirable infant, would exclaim, with well-feigned rapture, 'He *is* a baby.'" Why Victorian? Was motherhood even different in the Victorian and the Georgian eras? As to the fact, I, who knew Dodgson well, and as a young tutor inhabited the set of rooms next to his at Christ Church, never heard this saying attributed to him. Dodgson disliked and avoided infants. The remark, I believe, emanates from the genial and distinguished Dr. W. W. Merry, late Rector of Lincoln. He used to say (I have heard him say it) that a mere male, when called upon to admire a baby, is at a loss for what to say. He need not fear (said Merry); let him say, "Well, *that* is a baby." The truth of that, at any rate, cannot be contested.

Oxford. S. G. OWEN.

The First Newspaper.

Sir,—With reference to the last paragraph of Mr. Thorogood's letter, it is my pleasure on Friday of every week to purchase a copy of a newspaper issuing from my native county headed thus:—

Established 1695. "Lincoln, Rutland, and Stamford Mercury." The oldest newspaper in the country.

FRANK WALES BARRACLOUGH.

Hunter Street, W.C.

Sir,—A newspaper, the "Commonwealth Mercury," was published September 2 to 9, 1658 (containing an account of the death of Oliver Cromwell).

Among the advertisements was one announcing "that the Chinese drink called Tcha or Tee is sold at the Sultan's Head, a cophee house in Sweetings by the Royal Exchange," and another that the coach ran every Monday from the Post House, Marlborough, and returned every Thursday from the Red Lion, Fleet Street, London.

Horley. ARTHUR TAPP.

Sir,—Mr. A. J. Thorogood claims for the "Norwich Postman" that, having appeared in 1706, it is the oldest provincial newspaper in England. But "Berrow's Worcester Journal" still flourishes, having first been published (under another name) in 1690.

St. James' Street, S.W. HENRY LYGON.

"Built to Music."

Sir,—The lines your correspondent "A (Merton)" inquires about are from Tennyson's "Idylls of the King"—Gareth and Lynette, line 272:—

. . . seeing the city is built
To music, therefore never built at all,
And therefore built for ever.

These are the last lines of the old Seer's answers to Gareth's doubt:—

Your city moved so weirdly in the mist
Doubt if the King be King at all, or come
From Fairyland; and whether this be built
By magic, and by fairy Kings and Queens.

Trowbridge. JAMES STRONG.

[Replies have also been received from I. L. Bell (Edinburgh), H. B. (Southport), H. C. S. (Leamington), Josephine Severn (Montpelier Place, S.W.), and A. Harvey Trollope (Godalming).]

Goetz's Symphony in F.

Sir,—It was with a thrill of interest that I read Mr. D. Macintosh's letter in your last issue, as for the past fortnight I had had it in mind to bring this Symphony to the notice of the B.B.C., in the hope that it might be given at one of their concerts.

I first heard it at one of the series given by Madame Jenny Viard Louis, in the old St. James's Hall, about fifty years ago, and I think it had a performance in two successive seasons.

When residing in Edinburgh I suggested the work to the directors of the concerts given by the Scottish Orchestra, and it was performed with great success, under the conductorship of Wilhelm Bruch, in the McEwan Hall on January 8, 1900. This is probably the most recent performance in our island, but I hope that other opportunities will now be afforded to a wider public of hearing one of the most delightful and spontaneous works ever written for the orchestra.

Maidenhead. F. W. LANGSTON.

Sir,—I may say that I heard this symphony played at a promenade concert at Queen's Hall, on October 22, 1902

This happened to be one of the very rare occasions on which Sir Henry Wood was unable to appear through indisposition, and his place was taken by Mr. Arthur W. Payne, then leader of the orchestra.

Mr. Edgar F. Jacques, in his notes on the programme, remarked that though several years ago the symphony was quite a popular composition in London, it was then but rarely heard.

The work has, however, been played many times since the 'nineties, by Sir Dan Godfrey, at Bournemouth, though I have not traced a performance there since 1918.

Southampton. H. DOUGLAS RIDLEY.

Sir,—Goetz's Symphony in F was introduced to this country on December 17, 1878, at a Viard Louis concert in St. James's Hall, under the conductorship of Weist Hill. It made so favourable an impression that it was repeated at the next concert of the series, on January 21, 1879. I heard it on both occasions, but at this time I have no more than a general recollection of a work of exceptional beauty and fine musicianship.

HERBERT THOMPSON.

Headingley, Leeds.

Sir,—Goetz's Symphony in F was played at Queen's Hall by the Stock Exchange Orchestral Society on March 6, 1901, and I heard it played at the "Proms" in the early 1900's, but cannot remember exact year.

Denmark Hill, S.E. A. R. WHITBY.

Greek into Latin.

Sir,—I was interested to read the Latin version by "J. D." to the Greek epigram which appeared in the last issue of your paper. May I point out two inaccuracies in the Latin version?

To the best of my knowledge, the Latin word "heros" cannot bear the meaning "hero." It can be used only of such figures as Heracles or Aeneas, and should be strictly translated "demi-god." See Virgil, Aeneid vi., v. 103: "incipit Aeneas heros. . . ."

Again, the second couplet contains incorrect Latin. Let me recall the lines:—

Quis virtute sua patriam servare placebat,
At sibi, dum servant, perdita vita sua est.

Since "quis placebat" stands in fact for "qui statuerunt" (or some such verb), it follows that "sibi" and "sua" are incorrect, for "suus" must refer to the subject of the sentence which in this case is the implied "hi."

Lastly, the version fails to reproduce the effective position of ὀυ τάφος at the beginning of the first pentameter, which is not the least charming point in the Greek. I add a version of my own, in which I have done my best to reproduce this:—

Stant haec utilium patriae monumenta virorum,
Stant vacua: ossa procul barbara terra premit;
Heu! fortes, patriam nisi servare, inventam
Servare invictam non potuere suam.

A. D. DRAKE-BROCKMAN.

Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Air Ministry Extravagance.

Sir,—The "Italian Helicopter Wonder" (page 25 in your last issue) shows up the folly of the Air Ministry in ordering "200 machines for R.A.F." at one time (page 17)

When the latest aeroplane is constantly put out-of-date so soon by some new invention, a careful Air Ministry would only order twenty or thirty at one time, and this order for 200 only shows the danger of creating new Ministries, which instantly start to "magnify their office" by superfluous numbers. The more planes the more power for the Ministry, and never mind the taxpayer.

Offensive aviation, such as bombing, produces negligible military and no naval effect, and aviation's sole proper use is as a high-eye signalman for the sailor and the soldier, an auxiliary service with as little right to a Ministry of its own as submarines or tanks or wireless, or any other auxiliary service, let alone a right to a Secretary of State such as even the Navy has not got.

Not only for its share in the £2,000,000 airship lunacy, but also for its above extravagance, and for many other reasons, the Air Ministry ought to be abolished.

London, S.W. PARALLAX.

Famous Quotations.

Sir,—As a former editor of "Notes and Queries" and a keen student of quotations for many years, I was deeply interested in your article last week on "Famous Quotations." Your correspondent is undoubtedly right about the primacy of Shakespeare and the Bible as sources, but Churton Collins was wrong in giving the third place to Pope. Some years since I convinced myself by a careful study of the Press that that place belonged to Dickens, to whom Bartlett never did justice. Indeed, in the period I examined he came out first. The reason is plain. The journalist has to be bright in a hurry and he found in Dickens an easy source of humour familiar to the public.

I use the past tense, because nowadays Dickens is not known as he was, and the art of quotation is sadly decayed. No one quotes as Andrew Lang used to, and writers in the twentieth century prefer the sprigs of their own intelligence. When they do quote, they seldom take the trouble to be accurate. Even authors' names are mangled. Once I saw Lucian of Samosata figuring as Lucia of Samosaka, a Japanese lady.

Literary taste changes, as your correspondent says. One of the most frequent quotations of to-day is a quatrain about "England's green and pleasant land" from Blake, whom the latest edition of Bartlett ignores. Johnson also has come to the fore of late years.

John Bartlett, a pioneer who did admirable work, was a strange Puritan. In the non-copyright edition of his work still widely used he actually changed "not in utter nakedness" in Wordsworth's ode on "Intimations of Immortality" to "not in utter darkness," which does not even scan. Apparently, even the negation of nudity was too much for him! V. RENDALL.

Royal Societies Club, S.W.

Readers' Queries.

[The number of readers' queries that reach us is now so great that a small proportion only can be published, and we endeavour, therefore, to make a selection of those of most general interest.]

Ever since I used the aphorism "Raw edges need rough files" without quotation marks I have been haunted by the feeling that it was not original. Your article on the sources of famous quotations sent me to Dalbiac, but he did not accuse me. Can any reader say whether he has met with it?—J. Roxburgh (Winchmore Hill).

In reading "Travels in France and Italy," by Arthur Young, I came upon the following sentence, under date September 9, 1787:—

Who is it that says there is a great difference between a good physician and a bad one, yet very little between a good one and none at all?

I wonder if any reader can give the original of this?—H. L. Lewis (Bath).

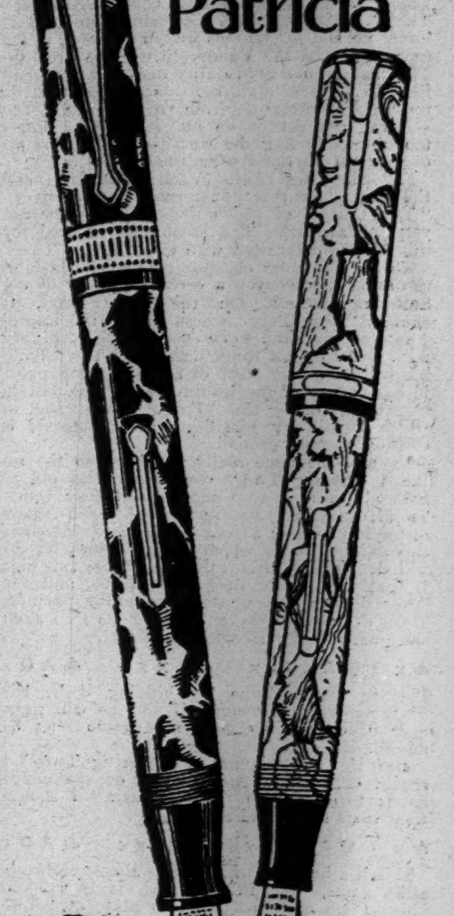
Can you tell me where to find some nonsense verses which contain this line?—

Not so the mackerel, and still less the bear.

—E. L. A. (Edinburgh).

The Latest!

Waterman's patrician and Lady Patricia



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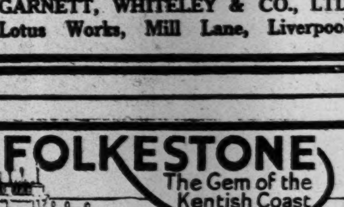

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SPAIN AND HER TROUBLES.

GENERAL BERENGUER'S PLANS.

CORTES TO BE CONVOKED.

By SIR CHARLES PETRIE, BART.

Much of the pessimism that is finding expression at the present time with regard to the progress of events in Spain is due to the fact that these are too often regarded in the wrong perspective. This is not to say that the situation in the Peninsula is not disquieting, for, unfortunately it is, but rather that there is a tendency among foreigners to put the stress in the wrong place. In short, the revolutionaries are so vociferous that it is not generally realised how small their numbers really are, or how greatly they are divided among themselves.

The recent strikes were evidence of this disunion among the parties of the Left, for their real cause was not economic at all, but rather the rivalry between the Socialists and the Communists for the control of such of the working-classes as are organised. The fact that the strikes took place argues a lack of any feeling of responsibility on the part of the Labour leaders, but the fact that there was so little disorder is proof of the good sense of the Spanish working man. The Republicans, mainly through the instrument of the students, endeavoured to fish in the troubled waters, but the recruits which they have recently obtained from previous supporters of the monarchy have given them so definitely *bourgeois* a character that they are now distinctly suspect to the Socialists.

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The events of the last few weeks have, then, shown the weakness of the Left, and they would be definitely encouraging had the Right given any indication of being able to take advantage of its opportunity, but it has signally failed to do so. The Conde de Bugallal is optimistic, the Conde de la Mortera is silent, and Señor Cambo is ill; for the rest, no new men have come forward since the fall of General Primo de Rivera, and the youth of Spain, apart from a few students, is not interested in politics at all.

In these circumstances it is not surprising that General Berenguer should be credited with the intention of descending into the arena himself. Indeed, a patriotic man in his position could hardly do anything else, for to hold the elections under present conditions would only be to make the existing confusion worse confounded. At the same time, to intervene effectively he will either have to get one of the existing parties to choose him as its leader, or he will have to found a new party of his own. Neither task is easy, for the politicians distrust the military too much to give the latter any more power than they can help.

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Fortunately for Spain the situation is not so unpromising as it would be were these political factors only to be taken into account. The Church is throwing its immense weight on the side of the existing order, and the Republicans have so definitely made anticlericalism a plank in their platform that no Catholic can doubt where his duty lies. The army is more sympathetic to General Berenguer than it ever was to his predecessor, and it should not be forgotten that it is the most representative institution in the country. Lastly there is the King himself, who is easily the greatest living Spaniard, and embodies that monarchical tradition which was strong enough to survive even a Ferdinand VII. These are, together with the growing business interests, the forces that in the end will prevent any violent change.

General Berenguer has probably not yet decided what course he will adopt, but there can be no doubt of his intention to convoke the Cortes early in the New Year. Whether he will then, as Signor Mussolini did on the morrow of the March on Rome, get a vote of confidence, and proceed to remodel the Constitution, remains to be seen. What is clear is that neither the King nor his Prime Minister intends to revert to the chaos which marked Parliamentary Government in Spain for so many years prior to the establishment of the dictatorship, so that if General Berenguer is obliged to imitate Marshal Pilsudski it will be the fault of the politicians themselves.

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In fine, the Spanish situation is more reassuring than it is usually painted, and the worst is probably over. If the Republicans could not engineer a *coup* in the middle of a General Strike they are unlikely to be able to do so at any other time. Above all, the mass of the nation, which does not live in Madrid and Barcelona, only asks to be left alone.

MEN, WOMEN, AND MEMORIES.

THE NORWEGIAN ANNIVERSARY—THE JAMESON RAID—SIR BICKHAM SWEET-ESCOTT—IRVING AND HIS STAGE.

By ATTICUS.

It is twenty-five years since Norway once again became an independent kingdom, and King Haakon VII. came to the throne with his English bride. I was present at the Coronation in Trondhjem, and cannot forget the combination of dignity and simplicity in the entire episode. Most of the courts and dynasties in Europe—and there were plenty of them then—were represented, and the little northern town glittered with uniforms, stars and orders. Norway had no aristocracy, and all these princes, diplomatists, generals, admirals and smart attachés were the guests of the town, and were received and entertained by the good burgesses and their wives and daughters, who showed themselves quite equal to the occasion. King George and Queen Mary, then Prince and Princess of Wales, held a levée. The English attended, very stiff and correct in court dress or uniform; the Trondhjem folks, in their plain coats and tweed skirts, made their bows with unembarrassed and democratic ease and respect. From Trondhjem I went on to Stockholm, and found my Swedish friends still a little sore over the Norwegian secession. But all that feeling has passed away, and the two Scandinavian peoples are very good friends, and nowhere more so than in London, where both have prosperous and energetic colonies.

RHODES AND THE RAND.

The story of the Jameson Raid, just retold by Colonel Hole, late Civil Commissioner of Bulawayo, will probably be new to a generation which has largely forgotten that startling episode of the eighteen-nineties. I heard it more than once from Cecil Rhodes, who knew, or thought, that his plans had been wrecked by the impetuous Irish doctor. "Poor old Jameson has upset the apple-cart," he exclaimed when he was told that the Administrator and his armed police had "gone in." I also heard the other side of the affair from several of the leading Johannesburgers whom Jameson blamed for the failure, very unjustly, as I thought.

The truth, I think, was that the raiders and the "Uitlanders" in the mining city were at cross-purposes. Rhodes and Jameson hoped to force the hands of the British Government into the annexation of the Transvaal. But some of these Johannesburgers, who were not all British, did not wish to be annexed. They would have been content to get rid of the Boer oligarchy and set up a republic of their own. This would not have suited Jameson, nor Rhodes either. Said the latter to me some time afterwards: "I didn't want to clear out old Krooger [the way he always pronounced the name] in order to make Mr. —— president."

THE SAVING OF SUVA.

How Fiji was kept from German attack and occupation during the Great War is told in a monthly magazine by the private secretary to Sir Bickham Sweet-Escott, the Governor and High Commissioner at the time. It was when von Spee, with the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and their consorts, was ranging at large over the Pacific. One afternoon a message from Samoa was received at Government House, Suva, stating that von Spee's squadron had passed Apia and was steaming south-west. The next day it might be outside the Fijian capital, which would be at its mercy; for the only naval armament consisted of a single old gunboat, which could be blown out of the water by the first shot from the German cruisers. But the assailants never appeared; for as they swept on gleefully towards the, as they thought, doomed British colony they picked up a wireless message from the Governor. It was addressed to H.M.S. Australia, the flagship of the Australian Fleet; and it said: "Thanks for message; shall expect you to-morrow at daylight."

The message was *en clair* and in English. It was never received by the Australia, which was in fact 2,000 miles away. It *was*—as it was meant to be—taken in by the Germans, as was known later through an intercepted letter from an officer on board the Gneisenau. Von Spee's people chuckled with delight. "Gott im Himmel!" they said, "so the British bulldog, with gnashing teeth, is waiting for us round the corner." How kind of them to let us know of the trap in time! And what a damn fool of an English Governor to give the show away! So von Spee, according to the letter-writer, "laughed merrily," and went off at full speed in the opposite direction. And Suva was saved from bombardment and capture by Sir Bickham's very clever and timely *ruse*, for which his ex-Excellency, now living in retirement at Worthing, has never received the credit he deserves.

Some women have contrived to succeed through the ages as rulers, warriors, lawgivers, and scholars, but not often, curiously enough, as poets. One may say that without disrespect to Sappho, Mrs. Browning, and Miss Edith Sitwell. Somehow the frivolous male addicts himself to verse more readily than the female of the species. "Woman," as some romantic Victorian observed, "lives her poems instead of writing them." She seems to be writing them in these days, or, at any rate, speaking them. I notice that all the Poetry Society's medals this year have been awarded to girls. At Oxford, too, the Newdigate Prize for an English poem goes rather frequently to students from the ladies' colleges. Perhaps the young male poets are too much given to those strange modernist forms of verse which do not "satisfy the examiners" so well as the more orthodox modes still cultivated by the ladies.

NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER.

Sir Herbert Stanley, who has been appointed High Commissioner for the Native Territories of South Africa, has obvious qualifications for the post. He has been Imperial Secretary in South Africa and Governor of Northern Rhodesia, and has for three years held the Governorship of Ceylon, the blue riband of the Colonial Service.

But Lord Buxton and Lord Selborne think that the High Commissioner ought still to be, as he has been in the past, the Governor-General of the Union, and that this change should not have been made by a stroke of the pen in Downing Street. Lord Passfield, however, is only acting in accordance with the constitutional principles laid down in the Imperial Conference Memorandum of 1926. A Dominion Governor must be "advised" by his Dominion Ministers alone, and can receive no instructions or communications from the Government in Great Britain. But the African native chiefs have treaties with the Imperial Crown, and should be in direct relations with it through some authority independent of the local administration. The point is important not only as regards South Africa, but in its bearing on the future constitution of East Africa, and perhaps also of federalised India.

THE GREAT VICEROY.

The beautiful address of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the unveiling of the Curzon memorial bears out the impression I gave last week of the effect on Curzon of his treatment by the Balfour Cabinet. That episode, said the Archbishop, "broke the spring of his life." The iron had entered into his soul, and he was never quite the same again. All the more credit to him for the courage and magnanimity with which he went on with his public work, in spite of this and other disappointments and constant physical suffering. His endurance was as remarkable as his industry, which was amazing and almost unnatural. I once asked him for some information on certain Indian matters. He replied: "I will send you a note jotting down a few points." In due course I received the 'note," in the form of eight quarto pages, all written in Curzon's own hand, for he employed no amanuensis, and wrote everything himself. How he found time to do it all, and how many square miles of paper he must have covered with his large, loose, plain handwriting, I cannot imagine.

AT THE OLD LYCEUM.

I am glad to hear that there is to be a Henry Irving Exhibition. It will recall to many old playgoers pleasant memories of the famous actor and of the theatre which under him for some years was the crown and coping-stone of the dramatic world in London. A first-night at the Lyceum, in its really great days before the shadow fell, was one of the notable events of the metropolitan season. You could not buy a seat for money; but everybody who was anybody was there. After the close of the performance the guests remained in the auditorium for a few minutes. Then the curtain rose again, and the privileged spectators trooped upon the lighted stage, to be received with a kind of regal courtesy by Irving and with her most delightful smile by Ellen Terry. There has been nothing quite like it since, though some approach to it was reached in those generous entertainments which Sir Herbert Tree used to give in his fine domed apartment on the roof of His Majesty's Theatre. In these more hurried and business-like days actor-managers find less leisure for this kind of ceremonial hospitality.

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POLITICAL FADS.

AT PUBLIC EXPENSE.

By HAROLD COX.

A Standing Committee of the House of Commons has been busy during the past week discussing the Agricultural Land Utilisation Bill, which the present Government is trying to force through Parliament as fast as possible. The Bill has two main purposes—to extend large scale farming and simultaneously to settle unemployed workers on the land by means of smallholdings. These two purposes are obviously inconsistent, for large scale farming means a reduction of labour per unit of production. As regards the settlement of the unemployed on the land, this has been a political fad for many years, and constantly Acts of Parliament have been passed for the purpose of providing smallholdings. They have nearly always proved a failure.

What our politicians seem unable to realise is that all over the world the rural population is declining because, as a result of the extended use of agricultural machinery, food can be produced with much less labour than in previous generations. Do our Labour Ministers really believe that they have power, by means of an Act of Parliament, to reverse this world tendency? Yet we find Mr. MacDonald, in a speech at Llandudno last month, declaring that the Government "as a result of a careful examination of ideas, had come to the conclusion that the great work of every constructive Government must be to put the population on the land." Other Governments, perhaps also as a result of "a careful examination of ideas," have had similar hopes, and they have invariably failed.

SMALLHOLDING: SMALL LIVING.

The State has again and again spent large sums of money in the hope of developing smallholdings, and at the end of a few years the smallholders, even when carefully chosen for their previous farming experience, have thrown up their holdings and drifted to the towns to earn a better income. The same thing has happened in Australia. When the soldiers came back from the war various Australian Governments spent large sums of money in the hope of establishing soldier settlements. The losses thus incurred account for an appreciable fraction of the present Australian debt. Smallholdings do not produce a large living.

The Bill now before Parliament is sponsored by Dr. Addison, and that fact alone should suffice to create alarm in the mind of everyone who remembers the failure of his housing scheme. The Bill also has the support of Mr. Lloyd George. Some people may perhaps still remember that twenty years ago Mr. Lloyd George sponsored another scheme connected with the land, which was to produce sufficient profit to the State to meet the cost of dreadnoughts and old age pensions. After ten years' experience the losses involved by this scheme proved so heavy that even its author had to concur in its abandonment. Like Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Lloyd George seems to have the idea that it is possible to put an unlimited number of people on the land of England. In a recent speech he contrasted the number of the rural population in countries like France and Belgium with that of England. He forgot to mention that the peasant workers in France and Belgium exist on the scale of living which English workers would not tolerate.

DEMONSTRATION FARMS.

It is difficult indeed to find any practical reason for this pompous scheme. The Bill provides for the establishment of an Agricultural Land Corporation, which is to acquire land and establish demonstration farms to teach our assumedly ignorant agriculturists how to cultivate land on a large scale. Landlords and farmers have been working at this problem for generations, and in many respects English agriculture admittedly stands at a very high level. Yet now it is proposed to establish a new bureaucracy to teach farmers and agricultural landlords their own business. In addition, the scheme proposes that a large amount of public money should be spent on what is called reconditioning the land, by which apparently is meant draining marshy land in the hope of converting it into good agricultural land. Here, again, a little glance at past experience might have been distinctly useful to the Ministry, for several experiments in land drainage have in past years been undertaken by the State, and generally the cost of reconditioning the land has been five or ten times as much as the value of the land when reconditioned.

Wherever there is a fairly good chance of converting bad land into good, one may safely assume that the owner of the land will sooner or later undertake the work at his own risk. The main thing that will be created by this new scheme is a huge new Government Department, paid out of the taxpayers' money, and attempting to solve from headquarters in London purely rural problems. As regards smallholdings, the authors of this new Bill have made the mistake of linking them up with allotments. The two things are essentially different. An allotment is a small piece of ground that a man, who is employed in some other business, cultivates in his spare time in order to grow vegetables and fruit for his family.

THE COST OF DR. ADDISON.

A smallholding is a much larger piece of ground out of which the holder is expected to make a living. Thousands of men in past years have courageously attempted to work smallholdings. They have had to abandon the attempt because they found they could not make it pay. It is now proposed by the Government to buy land, if need be by compulsion, and to establish smallholders upon it. Even the authors of the scheme do not pretend that it would be financially successful. They anticipate that the cost of the land will be considerably more than the smallholder will be able to afford to pay in rent, and they also propose to advance capital to the smallholder to assist him in equipping his farm. The cost will be added either to our national debt or to the charges upon the taxpayer. It is humorous to note that even Dr. Addison does not venture to predict complete success for his scheme. Dealing in particular with the proposal to establish large farms for experimental purposes, he said to the Standing Committee that if this scheme "did not succeed as a business proposition, then it would be a failure." As he has already involved the country in a debt which will cost the taxpayer several millions a year for fifty years to come, without apparently affecting his own political position, he probably thinks another similar failure a matter of no consequence. The zeal with which the Government is pushing these ill-thought-out schemes through Parliament is an ugly illustration of a fact which is gradually getting into the mind of the average citizen, that perhaps the worst evil from which our country suffers to-day is the vanity of the politician.

The oath is rapidly losing its sanctity. Too often it is looked upon as a mere formality.—Mr. Justice McCardie.

Nothing can stop taxation rising while the present Government remain in office.—Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P.

I shall always protest against the assumption that the Union Jack is the monopoly of any political party or any class or creed.—Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

I hope we have not come to the end of the day when because we are British we feel a kinship for each other which we don't feel for anybody else.—The Prime Minister.

One of the most important qualities of the good librarian is meticulous accuracy. An inaccurate librarian is at his wrong job.—L. Stanley Jast, President of the Library Association.

"THE TOWN": MEN AND INTIMACIES

By "AUTOLYCUS."

The foremost judicial humorist of his generation, Lord Darling, who will be 81 next Saturday, must surely be the most youthful looking octogenarian we have. I well remember being in Court in 1897, when he first took his seat as a Judge. The appointment was rather a surprise in legal circles, and during the resultant by-election at Deptford, Gladstone wrote to the Radical candidate giving him his blessing in the fight for the seat "so strangely vacated"; which was tolerably caustic for the G.O.M.

His lordship was not long, however, in confounding his critics, and it was a rare thing for one of his decisions to be reversed in the Higher Courts; whereas it used to be said of the children of a well-known Judge that they had cake for tea when the Court of Appeal had confirmed one of their parent's findings! Whilst Lord Reading was in America in War time Lord Darling was Acting Lord Chief Justice. He wields a facile and witty pen, and his "Scintillae Juris" ranks with Augustine Birrell's "Obiter Dicta." Moreover, his verse is of a high order, as the readers of the SUNDAY TIMES have occasion to know.

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The Marquis of Zetland told some good stories the other evening when in a company of prominent racegoers that included Lord D'Abernon, Lord Lurgan, Lord Hamilton, and leading members of the Racecourse Betting Control Board. One concerned a man unversed in the ways of the Turf who managed to get a bet accepted by a bookmaker after the race had started. The horse, which was the favourite, did not win, but what puzzled the youth was that the bookmaker had given him such a good price. "Oh," said his more experienced friend, "I expect he had observed that the horse had fallen down and was taking no further part in the contest."

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The Duke and Duchess of York leant from their box and watched with great interest whilst an imposing red carpet was rapidly unrolled across the ice, along which Prince Marie Louise slowly advanced to present the prizes at the Ice Carnival at Westminster on Thursday in aid of the National Council of Girls' Clubs. The fancy dresses were exceptionally good, and one of the most amusing disguises was that of an incredibly hag-like old charwoman (supposed to have strayed from Lady Malcolm's Servants' Ball), in which the indefatigable Mr. Ivo Ashworth defied all recognition.

The artistic success of the evening was scored by pretty Mrs. Meakin, who made such an unusually attractive Britannia that it seemed a pity that she was more or less hidden by the Russian sleigh in which Princess George Imeretinsky was dragged about by stalwart cavaliers. At the end, when many people had left, and general skating was in progress, the two world champions, Miss Sonia Henje and Mr. Karl Schäfer, performed a delightful little unrehearsed *pas de deux*, in which Miss Henje seemed to float over the ice, just as the exquisite Mrs. Vernon Castle used to do when she danced at the Embassy.

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Garden lovers all over the world will sympathise with Lady Weigall in her openly expressed sorrow at having to give up the wonderful gardens surrounding Petwood, Woodhall Spa, which is shortly being closed owing to the burden of increased taxation. After twenty-five years' hard work spent in gradually transforming the old golf links into gardens that people came from all over England to see, it is indeed "heartbreaking," as Lady Weigall says, to have to allow it to become a wilderness. Although Sir Archibald Weigall, on the advice of the Court of Chancery, which administers his affairs, has decided to sell his large house in Hill Street, Berkeley Square, I feel sure that Lady Weigall will take away with her an original souvenir in the form of the alcove she designed for the staircase. This is painted with a characteristic view from the Petwood gardens, and, by a cleverly contrived arrangement of lights, can be shown as in brilliant sunshine or in the glow of a setting sun. In the schoolroom of Lady Weigall's daughter, Priscilla, one wall is arranged to simulate a window, through which one looks at another corner of the gardens, and a similar decoration adorns the dining room.

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It seems as though we are in for another run of "freak parties" at which queer foods are eaten in queer surroundings. Parties such as these need tremendous forethought, and even then one cannot be certain of their success. There is every likelihood of this, however, at the really original "Pullman Luncheon" that Lady Dunn is giving to-morrow at Norwich House, Park Lane. The raison d'être of the party is to discuss plans for the great Railway Ball at Covent Garden on December 11, in aid of the Kensington, Fulham, and Chelsea General Hospital, when beautiful women will impersonate famous trains and their destinations.

To carry out the railway scheme, Lady Dunn is having her dining room turned into a replica of a Pullman car, in which only foods of the signal colours of green and red will be served. Burgundy and the new bright green beer that Lady Adare regaled us with at her party in Arlington Street will be offered to the guests as they sit facing each other at the regulation, narrow tables for four. Already a party of thirty young people is being arranged for the ball by Mr. Henry Van den Bergh, at which the guests will be summoned to dinner by the ringing of a handbell in the corridors and loud cries of "Premier Service."

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The Bishop of London will soon be moving out of London House, the traditional "town house" of the bishopric, in St. James's Square. He has not lived there for some years, because it has been let, furnished, to the Caledonian Club. Now that pleasant centre of Scottish social life in London is taking over London House permanently and going to rebuild it. The present building, which is not the original one, was adapted for a bishop's home, and it includes a small private chapel, where successive distinguished prelates have worshipped.

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Mr. Churchill is 56 to-day. A charming tale is told by the Rev. Edgar Stogdon of the far-off days when Winston was a Harrow boy. He says:—

> When Mr. Churchill first came to the school we elder boys were amazed that he broke every schoolboy ordinance with success. Boys at that time were very nervous about being seen walking with a lady in the street. If your mother wrote to ask if she could come down to see you, you told her what hat to wear, and if her figure was beyond the accepted standard you suggested postponement and, above all, there should be no form of endearment. Mr. Churchill invited his old nurse down for a day at Harrow, to her intense happiness; she arrived in an old poke bonnet; her figure had attained ample proportions; and Mr. Churchill walked arm-in-arm with her in the streets. It is about the nicest thing a Harrow boy has ever done.

It is evident that in his earliest years Winston was endowed with the same moral courage that we have grown to look for in his later years.

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Has it struck you how steadily the fashionable hotel life of London is moving westward, as if obeying Horace Greeley's famous behest in another sense, "Go west, go west!" To grasp this change, alike in the topography of the town and the ways of society, you need only watch the old Cecil coming down and the new Dorchester going up. One is on the Thames Embankment and the other is in Park Lane, and between them, in Berkeley Square, the Canadian Pacific Railway is building its London palace. Hotels are human places about which people talk, and they are wondering what the C.P.R. will call its newest mansion. It has the Frontenac in Quebec, the Laurier in Ottawa, and the Royal York in Toronto, all names associated with characters of history. No doubt a name on the same lines will be found for the London hotel, but it cannot, of course, be the Berkeley.

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An opaque terrestrial globe, with a light concealed inside, illuminated a small picture by Raphael at the party given by Mr. Lionel Fielden the other day at his unusual, low-built house in Wilton Street, which proved so successful that, in order to disperse the last lingerers, the dinner-table in the large hall had ostentatiously to be made ready. The party was given in honour of young Mr. Godfrey Winn, who had come up specially from his Welsh fastness at Port Meirion, where he has immured himself in order to complete a new and ambitious novel. Many interesting people came to greet him, amongst them being Lady Oxford and Asquith, with her film-expert son, "Puffin," who was clad in degagé style in tweed coat and grey flannel trousers; Mr. Noel Coward; Mr. Ernest Thesiger; Mme. de Lisle, wearing her famous triple row of enormous, perfectly matched pearls; Mr. and Mrs. David Tennant; and Mr. Craven Hohler, who recently represented this country in the international fencing contests at Utrecht.

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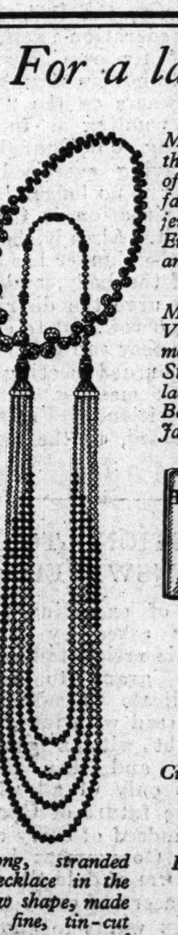

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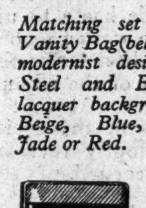

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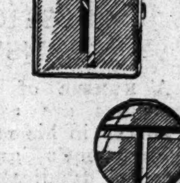

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PLOUGHING THE SANDS.

IT has become almost a daily platitude to note that the nation is in the grip of depression unexampled since the Hungry Forties. It is hardly less of a truism to remark that if we persist without relief on present lines we shall head straight for catastrophe. While we are on the verge of a national crisis Government and Parliament proceed on their way as though nothing unusual were happening. Lip-service to the need of national solidarity on India is keeping the Government in office while the Round-Table Conference is sitting, but no real attempt at national legislation or a national policy is being made.

Yet it is not India only, but the whole national position, that demands a suspension of party politics. Seldom has there been a time when purely party conditions counted for less or were more inadequate to the needs of the situation. United action is necessary to-day as it has been at no moment since the end of the war. We are faced with a task that can only be accomplished by the utmost effort of united will. A genuine truce to mere partisan measures is imperative, but in spite of it the party atmosphere persists, party legislation persists, and nothing is being done to approach our problems on national and all-embracing lines.

The PRIME MINISTER must face the facts. Things are not better than when he took office, but worse—worse beyond reckoning. At no moment has he represented a majority of the nation; to-day, he represents a minority decisively shrunken. Eighteen months ago, taking over the reins of office without a national mandate, but with considerable national support, Mr. MACDONALD proposed that Parliament should act as a Council of State. Even in the first flush of victory, and in national circumstances not one-half so critical as now, the Government, conscious of its weakness, pleaded for a party armistice. How much more urgent is its need of one at this moment, when it has forfeited so much of its hold on the national confidence and finds itself at the same time faced with problems twice as grave as those confronting it when it took office!

It would be easy enough to distribute blame, but no good could come of it. Nothing now is to be gained by recrimination. The one thing needful is to get on with the job, and that must be done not by looking back, but by looking forward. The Government, on its present lines, is ploughing the sands. No serious obstacle stood in the way of non-party action a year and a half ago; no serious obstacle stands in the way to-day. Any amount of good will lay at the disposal of the Government then, had it chosen to follow up its words with deeds; much of that good will still lies at its disposal, if only it will take the initiative.

But the Government must take the initiative. Can it and will it do so? To continue on present lines means national disaster, and death to Labour's hopes for a decade. The chance to do the big thing is here; is the Government big enough to take it? The only alternative to smashing defeat is a temporary renunciation of the party spirit. There is enough and to spare that can be done on national lines. Let the Government act as a minority Government should; let it put the nation first and party second; let it consult with the leaders of Opposition and concentrate on agreed measures.

At this very moment the Government is in grievous trouble over Coal—the legacy of partisan legislation. Ahead of it is mustering half a score of problems, each insoluble on narrow party lines. It is not yet out of the wood with its Education Bill; it has Railway Wages to menace it; Unemployment Insurance straddles its path; the Trades Disputes Amendment Bill must bring it to certain disaster if it persists in its prevailing party folly; over all, there hangs the fateful problem of India, demanding a national policy before all things. No Government could court a more formidable array of obstacles. If by a miracle it cleared them all, there would still remain the overwhelming need of a national drive to exorcise the devil of depression. For the country the motto is becoming "Unity or Disaster." For the Government it is "Co-operation or Death."

INCREDIBLE FOLLY.

A FATAL mixture of recklessness and intractability has long been the prime characteristic of the Miners' Federation. After the disastrous experiences of 1926, the Federation seemed to have learnt some sense. Now it has belied the hopes of its friends by a whole-hog reversion to type, and has acted with a folly and an irresponsibility unparalleled even in its own mad record. By its decision of Friday the Federation has not only put itself hopelessly in the wrong and done the men an incredibly bad turn. It has threatened with a stoppage that may prove fatal an industry already plunged in depression and struggling against fierce foreign competition; it has ignored the excellent advice sympathetically given it by the National Industrial Board; most foolish of all, from its own point of view, it has acutely embarrassed a Government which was nothing if not its friend.

By this one mad act the Federation has undone all the good work that had been accomplished towards reaching an equitable compromise, and has brought the industry to the very verge of disaster. The situation had undoubtedly been ugly, but negotiations were producing hopeful results; the spread-over solution had been accepted in several districts and looked likely to be accepted in others. Whatever their personal feelings, it was only reasonable that the miners should agree to a temporary compromise on the allotment of hours which would save them from the necessity of a reduction of wages, until such time as the marketing clauses of the Act should have had time to prove their worth. But by a mistaken last-minute concession to the miners the Government had inserted in the Act the right of veto to the Federation and the Mining Association of the permissive spread-over. It seems that this right has gone to the Federation's head. Possessing the right, it could not forbear to use it.

The worst results of its folly may still be avoided. The Government, suffering for its own misdeeds, is hard at work trying to persuade owners and men to come to agreement on their own account, ignoring the Federation's decision. The Federation itself, evidently frightened of its own decision, has issued advice to miners to make arrangements with owners on the "best terms obtainable," pending a further conference meeting on Thursday. The Federation having exercised its veto, the spread-over is no longer legal under the Act; the situation is therefore extremely difficult. Already, however, the magnitude of the blunder has dawned on the officials of the body, and they have made haste to urge the districts not to stop work to-morrow, but to carry on on the best terms they can get, in anticipation of the adjourned meeting on Thursday. At that meeting, it is broadly hinted, the decision of Friday may be promptly reversed, to the relief of all concerned.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED.

A NUMBER of exceedingly pertinent questions are asked by Mr. ERNEST NEWMAN in his article to-day about the Government's grant to the Covent Garden Syndicate to subsidise opera. They will be read with interest, and by some no doubt with a good deal of astonishment; and they deserve the attention not only of all who are interested in the future of Opera in this country, but indeed of every citizen, for now that the Government has decided on this new form of dole the matter has become the concern of every taxpayer.

Mr. NEWMAN wants to know whether the Covent Garden Syndicate is bringing any financial contribution of its own to the new venture or whether the £30,000 mentioned is not made up of the three sums to be provided by the State, the B.B.C., and a certain gramophone company respectively. And if the Syndicate is not making any separate contribution, Mr. NEWMAN asks why control has been vested in its hands rather than in the hands of the Imperial League of Opera, which has an income of £22,000 a year and more at its disposal. Furthermore, he asks whether the Imperial League of Opera was properly acquainted with the true position or whether its members and its founder were not labouring under a misapprehension when they agreed to throw in their lot with the Syndicate. There are several other questions to be answered besides these, hardly less important as touching not only the terms on which the deal has been put through, but also the effect it is likely to have on ensuring that the future of Opera shall be developed on the best lines. Matters of such importance have been raised that they cannot be allowed to rest where they are: full explanations are called for and must be given. When Parliament discusses the proposal it will be its duty to see that these questions are thoroughly investigated.

NEW MOTORING LAWS.

MOTORISTS throughout Great Britain must not forget that portions of the new Motor Act will come into operation to-morrow. To some it may appear that the only outstanding change will be abolition of the speed limit, but this will not happen until the end of the year. Even then motorists should be cautious as to how they put their foot on the accelerator, for the powers of the policeman are increased rather than diminished. The stop-watch records speed with precise accuracy, but there are many things that must influence the constable as to what is dangerous driving.

At first sight there may not appear to be much difference between the new and the old law, but in the practical working it will be found that a firmer hand is being laid on those who use mechanically driven vehicles on the roads. In the matter of insurance, which will now be compulsory, added responsibility will be thrown on the driver. If he departs from the conditions laid down in his policy he will expose himself to criminal proceedings. The successful working of the new regulations must depend on the co-operation of the motorists with those who are responsible for carrying them out. With good sense and good will no serious difficulty need arise.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

NEXT to the weather, perhaps the Public School is the most staple subject of the Englishman's conversation. Time was when, like the weather, he took the Public School system for granted. Latterly, however, a strong note of criticism has crept in, and for every one who speaks in praise of the Public School today there is to be found another who will curse it. The HEADMASTER of Eton, speaking at Liverpool, has not unnaturally drawn attention to the excellencies of the system. But the controversy still goes on between those who believe that the Public School is the foundation of most that is best in the English character, and those who think quite otherwise.

The first—perhaps, in the end, the only—thing to be said for certain about the Public School is that it is thoroughly, completely, and typically English. It is English in its defects as well as in its qualities. As the Constitution, as the English Church, it is a compromise—it excels in the average. In extreme individual cases it may fail, but in handling the great majority it is plainly successful; its results are its best testimonial. There is also another, not without significance: most of the critics of the system, when they become fathers, send their boys to a Public School!

THE TALKIE TEACHER.

THIS is a mechanical age, and the rumours that "talkie teachers" are to be introduced in some schools will cause great excitement among the juvenile classes. Most of them are familiar with the "talkie," but hitherto they have regarded it as a source of amusement rather than a means to education. There is no reason why amusement and education should not be combined. To the young our conventional methods of imparting knowledge are often dreary and uninspiring, and anything that will lift the burden and infuse a little additional enthusiasm will be welcomed.

The steps that are being taken to test the value of the "talkie" in schools will be followed with considerable interest. Mr. F. A. HOARE explained, at the annual meeting of the Commission on Educational and Cultural Films, that a portable talking equipment had been placed at their disposal; that a schools' gazette of current world topics had been compiled, and that the Secretary of the Middlesex Education Committee had agreed to co-operate in the exhibition of these films in the county schools. All over the country education authorities are being interested in the new scheme, which is being encouraged by a grant from the Carnegie Trust. The effects of mechanical aids to education will be interesting to watch.

THE GRAMMARIAN'S WILL.

"WHY care for grammar as long as we are good?" said ARTEMUS WARD, and, PILATE-like, would not stay for an answer. Not everyone, however, can claim, as SIGISMUND claimed at the Council of Constance, to be "the King of Rome, and above grammar"; least of all in our law courts. In the Chancery Division the other day the interpretation of a will rested on grammar, and grammar was wanting. The judge contended that the words must be given "their grammatical meaning"; counsel insisted that "very little grammar was taught in England" and that it was "a very unstable foundation on which to build." The judges, he went on, "placed different interpretations on every common word."

Here will be an old abusing of God's patience and the King's English.

The claimants, it seemed, might whistle for their inheritance.

We have, indeed, been overwhelmed of late years with evidence of judicial innocence; judges have wanted to know, not only good and evil, but the very definition of the apple which first differentiated them. But we are in a bad way when the law must quibble over a gerund and Justice must balance her scales with a past-participle.

THE FUTURE OF INDIA.

REALITIES TO BE FACED.

THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE.

A STABLE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

By Sir Reginald Mitchell Banks, K.C.

Sir John Simon chose for the subject of the Ludwig Mond Lecture, which he delivered at Manchester University on Friday, the Constitution of India. He treated it with characteristic clearness, and he refrained, with characteristic reserve, from making proposals for the future which might in any way tend to embarrass the discussions of the Conference. But once again he brings us face to face with facts, and only by facing facts can we hope to surmount difficulties. There are three tests, I should suppose, by which we may assess the value of a speech—its rhetorical merit, its tone, and its practical grasp of a subject. Nobody who knows what a gift of fluent expression most educated Indians possess will be surprised that some notable samples of rhetoric were produced at the plenary sessions of the Indian Conference; though it is rather startling, perhaps, that one of the best should have been furnished by a lady—the Begum Shah Nawaz. An application of the second test, taking the speeches as a whole, also affords reason for congratulation. The general tone was patriotic, in a large sense of the word, dignified, and informed by "good will." If the third test is not quite so satisfactory, we should not perhaps complain too bitterly, and that for two reasons.

The Two Roads.

The purpose of the Conference is, after all, not to draft a detailed constitution for India, but to seek the highest measure of agreement about the principles upon which such a constitution must be erected; and, again, these plenary sessions only constitute the overture to a "committee stage," in the course of which realities must immediately be faced. Lofty aspirations and high ideals have been expressed in full measure, and now let us hope that a resolution to solve practical problems will take their place. It is encouraging to note that the Conference, in the most important matter of all, has certainly taken the right road up to now when it might have taken one of two wrong roads. It might have favoured a "unitary" form of constitution instead of a "federal" one, and it might have concentrated upon a federal form for British India alone, and neglected the vital problem of the Indian States. Fortunately, it has rejected those counsels and expressed its preference for a federation which shall be an "All-India" federation, in the true sense of that sometimes misapplied phrase—a federation which, if it does not include the Indian States at once and *en bloc*, shall at least contemplate and provide for their entering it in due time, possibly as each State, or group of States, may desire and be fit to do so.

Purpose of the Conference.

So far one can only rejoice that the first, and perhaps most vital, recommendation of the Simon Report has proved acceptable. The authors of that Report saw, firstly, that to make Delhi, in regard to India, what Westminster is in regard to England, was an utter impossibility for reasons which anybody will appreciate who reads Vol. I., and, secondly, that a Federal System for British India alone would be like a jig-saw puzzle where a score or two of essential pieces have been mislaid.

Indeed, it was because they saw this second point so clearly that they recommended the summoning of a conference to deal with it. To quote the chairman's letter to the Prime Minister of October 12, 1929, "it is essential that the methods by which the future relationship of these two constituent parts of Greater India may be adjusted should be fully examined" by representatives both of British India and the States. That is why the Conference is here. So many people seem to be unaware of these facts!

Dominion Status.

But although the Conference has trodden the right path in this momentous matter, in another of equal moment it appears to me to be in danger of going astray. Nearly all the speakers for British India and some of those for the States have clearly been hypnotised by the phrase "Dominion status," and a considerable number of them have interpreted that phrase (and I think rightly so) to mean "Complete responsibility in the Central Government." Typical of this view was the speech of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, who asked, "Do you really think that it will make for peace and harmonious action if you give the Provinces responsible autonomy, which means responsible Government, and on the top of that have an irresponsible Central Government? That machinery will break down in the course of a week." And Sir Mirza Ismail (Mysore) remarked that "the constitution of the Central Government is the fundamental issue before the Conference."

Responsible Government—What it Means.

If Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru's view prevails among the Indian delegates, there is serious difficulty ahead. Lord Reading, as one might expect, appreciated that difficulty. Having defined Dominion Status as meaning "a status equal to that of the other Dominions within the Empire," and having admitted that "the natural issue of the Declaration of 1917 *is* Dominion status," he went on to point out, with frankness and sincerity, that it was "idle to say that at this moment there could be anything like equality of status—that is, constitutional status—in India, with the Dominions." He proceeded to give some of the reasons for that view which may be found in a more expanded form in the Simon Report, and indeed in the recent Dispatch of the Government of India, which is remarkable (by the way) not for its difference from, but for its agreement with, the Report on nearly every issue of importance. For, after all, phrases like "a Government of India responsible to the Indian Legislature" mean in plain English that the Indian Federal Assembly could at any moment, by an adverse vote, cause the resignation *of the Governor-General (the Viceroy)* and all his Cabinet; just as the House of Commons may now turn out Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his Cabinet at any moment when the Liberals like to join the Tories in voting against him.

A Hazardous Advance.

Such a plan may work well in Britain, where an organised and stable party system more or less peculiar to ourselves has grown up, where the country governed is small and cohesive, and where members are in close and continuous touch with the electors. The facts in India are totally different, and who can say, for instance, whether a two-party system or a group system (with widely divergent consequences) may be developed in the new Federal Assembly? One thing is surely plain: the grant to the Provinces of full responsible self-government is so great and hazardous an advance that it becomes more imperative than ever to retain a stable Government at the centre, not subject to the caprice of any sudden and fortuitous combination of groups and interests until conditions of practice have been evolved in which "responsible" Government may be trusted to function.

It is to be hoped that the general adherence of the Princes to the theory of a "United States of India" will not be regarded as diminishing the danger of making the Government of All India "responsible" to the Federal Legislature. The danger is more likely to be increased, for reasons which it is not possible to treat in the scope of an article. Suffice it to say, Sir Mirza's prediction that the constitution of the Central Government is "the fundamental issue" may well prove to be correct. It is at least significant that in the "heads of subjects" for discussion, which Lord Sankey is reported to have drawn up, the question of the Federal Legislature comes apparently almost at the beginning. In my view, it should come at the end, as the foundations must be designed before the roof.

Method of Election.

The other "Heads of Subjects" also have all been raised and discussed in the Report with which we are, or ought to be, tolerably familiar. Each one is beset with difficulties—for example, the method of electing members of the new Federal Legislature. At present many of the constituencies represented by members of the existing Legislative Assembly are of an almost fabulous size. The Hindu member for West Punjaub sits for a constituency of 64,000 square miles. Imagine a constituency the size of Scotland represented by a member sitting in an Assembly that meets in Rome! It might well be wise in the future to abandon the method of direct election and to permit each Provincial Legislature to choose those whom it thinks will best represent the Province and its interests at Delhi.

Another aspect of this same problem is the method by which the Indian States who may enter the Federal System shall be represented on the Federal Legislature. Each of the States in America has a democratic State-constitution, but how would they choose their Congressmen if Illinois, for instance, were a democracy, as it is, and Kentucky an autocracy like Hyderabad? How is the balance to be adjusted between British India and the States? Nay, how is it to be adjusted between a great State like Hyderabad and one of the small domains which are scarcely larger than an English country-gentleman's estate?

A Heavy Task.

There are fourteen pregnant pages in Vol. II. of the Report of the Commission on one subject alone—"Future Relations with the Indian States," and there would be more but for the fact that the Commission did not desire to proceed too far until some machinery for direct and permanent consultation with the Princes had been devised. And beyond this ridge towers crest after crest to be surmounted, and only to be surmounted, one would say, by those who save their breath for climbing and do not waste it in cheering, quarrelling, or moralising.

I suggest, as I have done before, that the first subject for study is the Report of the Statutory Commission. You can no more "shelve" that document than a barrister can "shelve" his Law Reports. and I lament, as I have lamented before, that the Chairman of the Commission is not there to give to the Conference the benefit of his cool, clear, and well-stored mind in the exposition of his work. The loss will be appreciated before this Conference draws to its close.

The Place I Love.

By GEOFFREY JOHNSON.

It has no comeliness, the place I love:
Only a swarthy sweep of peat that rolls
Hillocked by ancient pioneering moles
Right to the cloudy rims of steely lour;
So old, it can remember when the Dove
First brooded on the waters; yet can bless,
By very terror of its agelessness,
The perishing heart, once having feared, with power
To fear no more. It softens to no flower
Except barbaric bits of broken gold
The fragile trefoil shivers on the mould,
And thistle-rags, which yesterday were Lear's.
No gentle cow upon its waste appears,
But ponies, free of halter, shagged and wild,
That might have drawn Caractacus, a child. . . .

And yet to hint how tenderest humours hide
In Nature sterner than an Ironside,
It lets gold-finches all along its hems
Twinkle and flutter at the thistle-stems,
Ride a cock-horse or tumble in the gale.
Aerial golds in snowy plumes a-sail,
They rise and waver, like unintended prayers
Or cries of rapture uttered unawares.

INFORMATION DESIRED.

THE £30,000 MYSTERY.

THE TAXPAYER AND THE INTERNATIONAL SEASON

By ERNEST NEWMAN.

Before some of us can be satisfied with the proposed grant by the Government to the Covent Garden Syndicate there are several questions we feel compelled to ask. We hope the replies will be prompt, unequivocal, and complete.

I write this article as a member first of all of the general public, secondly of the Imperial League of Opera. In each capacity I shall probably only be saying what thousands of other people are thinking.

The admirable point about the I.L.O. was that it threw the burden of supplying a new and better kind of opera not upon the millions of people who do not want it but upon the few thousands who do. For the trifling subscription of ten shillings a year, given sufficient subscribers, a fund could have been provided that would have enabled the I.L.O. to lose as much money per annum upon the first-class presentation of opera as is provided by the State or the municipality by way of subsidy to any opera house in Europe. Sir Thomas Beecham aimed at a membership of 120,000.

THE BEECHAM POURPARLERS.

After Herculean labours in the cause on his part, and at heavy private expense—for not a penny of the cost of administering the League has been paid out of the subscriptions of the members of the League—he had to be content with 44,000. Even that figure, however, representing as it does £22,000 a year, is not to be despised. Friends of Sir Thomas guaranteed privately further large sums on the condition that at least 60,000 members were secured for the League. Technically these donors are now absolved from their promise; but no one doubts that were the League to commence operations *under Sir Thomas Beecham* the public income would be generously supplemented by private donations.

Feeling that even a certain £22,000 a year to lose would not be enough to create the kind of opera he desires to see in this country, Sir Thomas Beecham entered into pourparlers with the Covent Garden Opera Syndicate. As a result of these, the members of the I.L.O. were informed, in a circular dated October 3, that Sir Thomas had "concluded an arrangement with the C.G.O.S. under which the main purposes for which the League was formed will be amply fulfilled." The C.G.O.S., it appeared; "has made satisfactory financial arrangements to continue its operations for five years to come."

"POOLING" RESOURCES.

Naturally we all took this to mean that the Syndicate was *itself* putting up money enough for this purpose. This reading was confirmed by a later paragraph in the circular: "*By pooling the resources of the two organisations*, a powerful combination can be created that will operate for a minimum period of five years . . ." We members of the League knew that the resources of the I.L.O. were at least £22,000 per annum. It was a natural assumption that, in order to create something which, in the circumstances, could legitimately be called a "pool," the C.G.O.S. was itself contributing out of its own "resources," at any rate no smaller sum. Then, in a supplementary circular of the I.L.O., dated October 10, the members of the League were informed that "The Covent Garden Syndicate will contribute £30,000 a year to the scheme."

All this appeared quite satisfactory, and large numbers of the League subscribers gave their assent to the amalgamation on the post cards sent out by the office—though no doubt many of them added, as I did, the proviso that consent was contingent upon the supreme artistic control of the "pool" being vested in Sir Thomas Beecham. We subscribed to the I.L.O. because of our confidence in him as the only man in the country with all the necessary qualifications for presenting opera in the best conceivable way; and if our funds are to be used, they must be used on lines such as he had in mind when he undertook the colossal labour of founding the League.

MR. SNOWDEN'S BOMBSHELL.

All went well until the other day, when the astonished country learned from Mr. Snowden that the Government proposes to make a grant "towards the expense of presentation of grand opera, not merely at Covent Garden, but in the provinces"—which means, of course, in practice, a grant to the Syndicate—of £5,000 "for the last quarter of the current calendar year," and a further £17,500 a year for the next five years. At this point the public, if it had any intelligence at all, began to do a little mental arithmetic. With the previously announced grant of £7,500 a year from the B.B.C., thus making £25,000, and "further donations of £5,000 from companies and private individuals," we arrive at the exact figure of £30,000 mentioned in the I.L.O. circular as having been the "contribution" *of the C.G.O.S.* to the noble work of "saving opera in this country." Obviously some plain questions have now to be asked, both in Parliament and out of it; and it is to be hoped that plain answers will be given to them.

B.B.C. AND THE GRAMOPHONE COMPANIES.

Let us clarify our problem by ruling out certain matters that are in it but not really of it. It is no secret that one of the big gramophone companies is allied with the C.G.O.S. With this aspect of the matter, as again with the co-operation of the B.B.C., the public has nothing to do. It being one of the duties of the B.B.C. to provide the country with broadcast music, operatic as well as orchestral, the B.B.C. is at perfect liberty to enter into any arrangement it likes, for these purposes, with any organisation it likes. It merely pays out of its own funds for the supply of a certain article. A gramophone company, again, if it thinks that its own special business is helped by association with an orchestra or an opera company, is wholly within its business rights in putting money into the concern. The conduct of the B.B.C. and that of the gramophone company, then, is of itself no concern of ours. What is the concern of the general public is the raison d'être, if any, for the grant of public funds to the C.G.O.S.; and what is more particularly the concern of the members of the I.L.O. is the possible use that may be made of *their* money.

WHAT IS THE SYNDICATE CONTRIBUTING?

The first question that we must all ask is, *How much money is the Covent Garden*

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MOVING TOWARDS PEACE IN COALFIELDS.

MINERS' CONFERENCE LIKELY TO REVERSE FRIDAY'S VOTE.

SPREADOVER AS BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

SCOTTISH WORKERS ALONE DECIDE ON STOPPAGE.

The situation last night regarding the threatened stoppages in the coalfields, although superficially confusing, was in fact being clarified. Important decisions yesterday were:—

Scottish coalfields to close to-morrow; 92,000 men affected.

South Wales miners accepted the spreadover offer of the owners, involving no reduction of wages.

In seven English coalfields arrangements were made for work to continue. In six others, which are unaffected by new conditions, work will proceed.

The Political Correspondent of the SUNDAY TIMES indicates how events are regarded in well-informed quarters. He forecasts that when they meet again in National Conference in London on Thursday, the Miners' Delegates will reverse their decision of last Friday rejecting the spreadover of hours as the basis of settlement of the present difficulties.

HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

SOUTH WALES POINTS THE WAY.

Writing last night our Political Correspondent states:—

In well-informed quarters it is believed that, owing to the efforts of the Government and all parties concerned, the coal situation is straightening itself out, and that the disaster of a national stoppage will be averted.

The chief difficulty is now in Scotland, where the National Union decided on a complete stoppage to-morrow. This decision, affecting 92,000 men, was, however, reached in ignorance of the South Wales acceptance of the spreadover without reduction of terms, and it is hoped will be practically reversed. There may be some dislocation to-morrow, but probably the greater number of the men will continue work on similar terms to those accepted by South Wales.

Undoubtedly work on these terms is an infraction of the Coal Mines Act passed last session, as the consent of the Miners' Federation and the Board of Trade has not been received. But in view of the fact that the Federation at next Thursday's meeting will undoubtedly reverse their unfortunate decision of Friday, the Government will treat it as a merely technical illegality, and no proceedings will be taken.

A General Solution.

It is pointed out that the majority of the Federation vote included the representatives of those districts, such as Durham and Cumberland, which were not threatened with any reduction of wages, and should therefore have refrained from voting.

The indications are that outside those districts in which agreements have already been concluded the spreadover, towards which the Government was so antogonistic during Committee on the Bill, will rapidly find general acceptance as a solution of the position.

SCOTLAND THE EXCEPTION.

INFLUENCES FOR PEACE

By OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT.

The National Union of Scottish Mine Workers, meeting at Glasgow, yesterday, decided on a complete stoppage in the Scottish fields from to-morrow This decision, involving 92,000 men, was taken on the ground that the terms offered by the owners constituted a "violation of the Coal Mines Act, 1930." It was reached without knowledge of the fact that the South Wales men were accepting the proposals made to them.

The action on the part of the Scottish men was, indeed, the only break reported in yesterday's efforts to avert stoppages. In addition to South Wales arrangements for the continuance of work were reached in the following districts.

Lancs. and Cheshire	N. Wales
Cumberland	Warwick
S. Derby	Leicester
N. Stafford	

Late last night Mr. A. J. Cook said temporary agreements enabling work to be resumed to-morrow had been reached in all the English districts concerned. The following districts, which are not affected, will continue at work:—

Durham	Nottingham
Kent	N. Derby
Northumberland	Yorkshrie

There is no doubt that the South Wales decision will have a considerable influence on the future course of events. South Wales, a coalfield of much greater importance than Scotland, was regarded as the danger point. Had the men there voted for a stoppage to-morrow, there is little doubt but that the workers in other areas would have been influenced and followed the example.

South Wales has bid defiance to the National Delegate Conference with its resolution against the spread-over. It is probable that there will be some plain speaking when the conference resumes on Thursday. The South Wales secretary is Mr. Tom Richards, president of the Federation.

Scotland's Communists.

Last night Mr. Richards sought to justify the action of his men on the ground that "only in a sense" was it contrary to the national decision. Mr. Richards expressed regret that Scotland had voted for a stoppage and he added:—

"That may possibly be reconsidered by that district when they know of the arrangements made in the other coalfields."

Despite Friday's recommendation that all other districts should consider ceasing work if a stoppage occurred in any one area, the stoppage in Scotland is not likely to lead to a national cessation of work. The Scottish miners are notoriously subject to dissension and schism. Some time ago a strong Communist element caused a breakaway, and the formation of a separate orgnisation The National Federation was hard put to it to defeat the disruptive forces.

THE AMBITIOUS POLITICIAN.

The following comment on the situation was made by Mr. R. Gascoyne, Secretary to the Nottingham Miners' Industrial Union:

"If there is a coal stoppage we shall advise our men to remain at work, and we are convinced that they will do so.

"The fact should not be lost sight of that the men have been balloted on the question. The position to-day is brought about by ambitious politicians Notts will again prove the stumbling-block as it did in 1926."

KEEPING SCOTLAND AT WORK.

MR. COOK HOPEFUL.

Mr. A. J. Cook, secretary of the Miner's Federation, said last night: "I have been in touch this evening with the representatives of the Scottish miners, and I am still hopeful that we will be able to keep Scotland working on Monday, awaiting the decision of Thursday's conference. I shall again hold telephone conversations with the Scottish representatives to-morrow, and we shall leave nothing undone in our efforts to prevent a stoppage."

Mr. Cook was in touch last night with members of the Government. He will again meet them to-day for a further consideration of the position.

Mr. Shinwell, Minister for Mines, said: "Probably there will be news in the morning regarding the Scottish coalfields."

GERMANS WATCH.

READY TO SEIZE COAL MARKETS.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Germans are watching events in the mining industry in Britain. Individual traders have been actively engaged in South Wales in preparing to reap advantage from a possible stoppage, but a general mining strike in Britain is not anticipated by German industrialists.

Dr. Friedrich August Pinkernell, a leading coal expert of the German Federation of Industries, to-day expressed the belief that Germany would rapidly make inroads into British competitive markets, should British exports be checked by a strike.

"Cardiff delivers especially to Scandinavia," he went on, "and this is one of the first markets in which German trade would make headway in case British competition were dwarfed by a strike.

"But you must not forget we are rivals of the British coal trade in many other areas, not only including Italy, but the German coast districts between Emden and Konigsberg, and even Berlin, where the British have been forcing their coal deliveries. Moreover, British exports have recently been increased to South Germany and Switzerland."—British United Press.

DUBLIN'S ALARM.

Dublin householders, alarmed by the coal crisis, have been rushing orders on City merchants. Many orders cannot be fulfilled for some days. Stocks are sufficient to last over Christmas.

TRADE OF LONDON.

1,000,000 TONS INCREASE IN SHIPPING.

Over 1,000,000 tons additional shipping used the Port of London during the twelve months to October this year, compared with the twelve months to October, 1929.

The figures were:—

For 1930	58,333,377 N.R.T.
For 1929	57,332,956 N.R.T.

SPREADOVER IN SOUTH WALES.

SIR D. LLEWELLYN'S COMMENT.

NO INFRINGEMENT OF THE ACT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CARDIFF, Saturday night.

In order to ensure a continuance of work, telegrams were sent to-night to all lodges in the South Wales coalfield notifying officials of the conclusion of a temporary agreement. The terms offered by the owners were accepted by an overwhelming majority at the delegate conference, despite the fact that a spreadover of hours is involved.

The conference, after a long sitting, decided to accept the recommendation of the Executive Council to proceed to work as usual under the new terms which were offered by the South Wales owners last night. These are only to be a temporary measure for fourteen days. They involve no reduction in wages. The delegates passed the following resolution:—

"This conference accepts the report of our representatives upon the various efforts to secure an extension of the time necessary to prevent a stoppage, and to arrive at a settlement of the terms and conditions of employment as and from Monday next.

"We express our regret that the employers were unable to attend a further meeting to-day, and under these circumstances and in continuance of our efforts to avert a stoppage, we recommend, under protest, the acceptance of the terms now offered on the understanding that the consideration of these temporary terms, together with the terms of a permanent settlement, shall at once be proceeded with."

NO EVASION.

An explanation of the spreadover proposals was given to me to-night by Sir David Llewellyn, a leading Welsh colliery proprietor. The plan, which the miners have accepted, is to work eleven days of eight hours per day during the fortnight.

"This," said Sir David, "will give 88 hours for the fortnight as against the permissible 90 hours during the fortnight if the 7½ hours per day per working week were adhered to rigidly. For myself, I do not think the spreadover, as it is proposed to be carried out in South Wales, is an evasion of the Act. In my opinion it is within the meaning of the Act.

"As to the consent of the Miners' Federation being imperative to any agreement, not more than 20 per cent. of the miners in the South Wales coalfields belong to that organisation. A large majority of the balance belong to the new Industrial Union which has been formed here. This is on the lines of, although entirely distinct from, the Spencer Unions in the Midlands.

"As a fact," added Sir David, "the decision of the South Wales Federation is not a surprise, for it was known that there was a strong feeling among the men, to whatever section they belonged, that there should be no stoppage in any case. The result of the Federation meeting simply confirms that feeling."

There will be a further meeting between the coalowners and the men on Tuesday, when the present arrangement will be further discussed with a view to arriving at a permanent agreement.

FIERCE BLAZE IN NEW LINER.

WORKMEN'S ESCAPE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

Launched only a few days ago at the shipyards of the Loire, the Georges Philippar, the passenger vessel built for the Messageries Maritimes, was seriously damaged by fire to-day at St. Nazaire.

The fire started in the cold storage chambers which were installed at the bottom of the hold. These cold rooms, separated by walls made of wood, cork, and tar, burned furiously once they were fairly alight, and for several hours little could be done to arrest the progress of the fire.

Many men were working in the Georges Philippar when the smoke was first sighted creeping from the lower parts of the hold, and these were ordered to vacate the vessel. The firemen of the Loire shipyard set to work on the flames, and after a short while the fire brigade of St. Nazaire was on the scene Later firemen from the Penhoët shipyard were called in.

When the roll of workers engaged on the ship was called over, it was found that two men were missing, but they appeared later in the morning. They had been overcome by smoke and one of them seriously burned.

Despite the efforts that were made to extinguish the fire, black smoke began emerging from the ship in increasing volume, and the firemen, half-asphyxiated, had to beat a retreat. On the starboard side the plates began to grow red hot near the waterline, and the firemen, wearing gas masks, were unable to approach the fire, so intense was the heat. The plates on the port side were red hot.

How the fire started is unknown, but it is thought that it originated from a lighted cigarette having been dropped into the cold room, or from a rivet being driven in when almost red hot.

A Central News message states that incendiarism is feared, as there have been several unexplained fires on French liners lately.

LOOTING IN LINER.

PORTUGUESE FISHERMEN ARRESTED.

LISBON, Saturday.

As a result of investigations made by the police, many fishermen have been arrested, having been found in possession of passenger trunks and apparel, as well as furniture and adornments from the wrecked liner Highland Hope. Everything has been handed over to the Lisbon customs authorities, who have restored the property to the respective owners.

The Highland Hope is still on the rocks and the vessel's officers are continuing to help in the salvage of the passengers' belongings as well as that of the crew of the ship.—Reuter.

SIAMESE PRINCE WEDS.

According to a Reuter message from Bangkok Prince Chumbhot, who was a student at Christ Church, Oxford, and obtained his degree there last summer, has been married to a daughter of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and a granddaughter of the Prince Devawongse, who was head of the Siamese Foreign Office for thirty-eight years.

The leading members of the foreign community were among the guests at a garden party given at the palace and were presented to the newly-wedded couple by the King.

EAST RENFREW TRIUMPH.

LORD CLYDESDALE'S BIG WIN.

7,460 MAJORITY.

HEAVY DROP IN LABOUR VOTE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

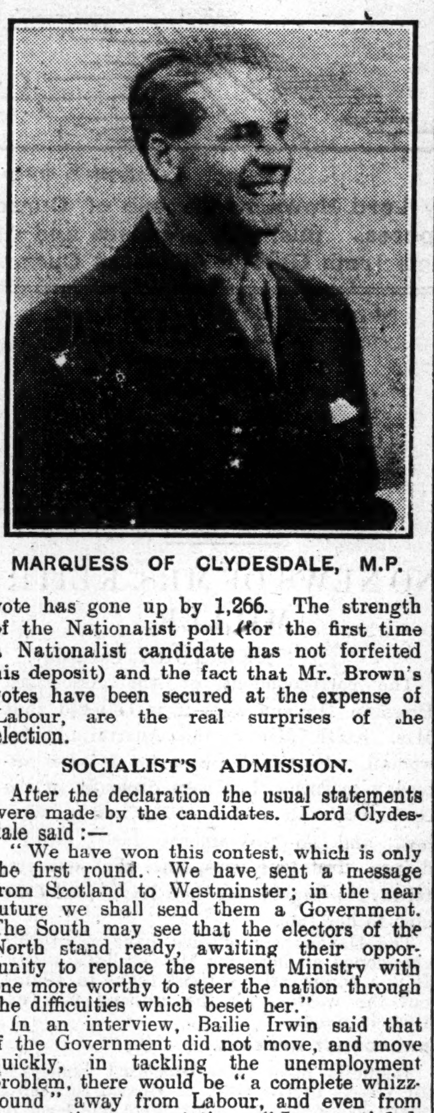
GLASGOW, Saturday.

By a majority of 7,460 the Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale won the East Renfrew bye-election. The result of the poll, which took place yesterday in dense fog, was declared at the Council Buildings here this afternoon. The figures were:—

Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale (Con.)	**19,753**
Mr. T. Irwin (Labour)	**12,293**
Mr. T. Oliver Brown (Scottish Nationalist)	**4,818**
Conservative Majority...	**7,460**

The figures at the General Election were:—Mr. A. M. MacRobert, K.C. (Con.), 18,487; the Rev. J. M. Munro (Lab.), 16,924. — A Conservative majority of 1,563.

The poll is heavier than expected, representing 69 per cent. of the electorate. It will be seen that the decline in the Labour vote corresponds closely with the Scottish Nationalist poll, and that the Conservative vote has gone up by 1,266. The strength of the Nationalist poll (for the first time a Nationalist candidate has not forfeited his deposit) and the fact that Mr. Brown's votes have been secured at the expense of Labour, are the real surprises of the election.



MARQUESS OF CLYDESDALE, M.P.

SOCIALIST'S ADMISSION.

After the declaration the usual statements were made by the candidates. Lord Clydesdale said:—

"We have won this contest, which is only the first round. We have sent a message from Scotland to Westminster; in the near future we shall send them a Government. The South may see that the electors of the North stand ready, awaiting their opportunity to replace the present Ministry with one more worthy to steer the nation through the difficulties which beset her."

In an interview, Bailie Irwin said that if the Government did not move, and move quickly, in tackling the unemployment problem, there would be "a complete whizz-round" away from Labour, and even from democratic representation. "I am satisfied, as a Socialist, that this is a setback to the Labour Government."

[Lord Clydesdale is 27 years of age, and is popularly known as "The Boxing Marquess." He is the heir of the Duke of Hamilton. He was at Balliol College, Oxford, and appeared for three years running in inter-University boxing contests. He is a keen airman, and owns a Moth aeroplane.]

BLOOD TEST AS PROOF OF PATERNITY.

NOT LEGAL IN HUNGARY.

BUDAPEST, Saturday.

If a blood test could legally be accepted as a proof of paternity was a problem that recently confronted a Hungarian Law Court.

The Medico-Legal Higher Council expressed the opinion that the analysis of a globule of blood undoubtedly had a real value, but such a process could not be considered as irrefutable proof of paternity Moreover, under the Hungarian Penal Code no one could be forced to submit to a blood test, which, in spite of all precautions, was nevertheless not entirely without danger.

Finally, no one, either in a civil or criminal case, could be forced to give proof against themselves. In view of all these considerations the Court decided against the acceptance of a blood test as legal proof.—Reuter.

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POLITICAL NOTES

COAL CRISIS.

THE FEDERATION'S FOLLY.

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

There has rarely been a measure so fraught with mischief as the Coal Mines Act, on which the Government wasted the greater part of last session. Instead of promoting peace and good order in the industry, it has brought us to the eve of another disastrous stoppage, which the Government are making eleventh-hour efforts to avert. As I stated last Sunday, in consequence of the time occupied in licking an ill-conceived and ill-drafted measure into shape, the Act comes into force to-morrow before its machinery, and especially its arrangements for financing the reduction in time, are ready. The position takes nobody by surprise, not even the Government, and the obvious course for them was to bring forward a short Bill deferring the date of operation. With characteristic indecision, however, the Government waited on events, hoping that even in South Wales the situation might be tided over. They were encouraged by the fact that to their knowledge there was behind the scenes in the district a disposition to accept the spread-over principle rather than risk a stoppage. But they reckoned without the Miners' Federation, which, meeting on Friday, perversely banged the door on the only peaceful solution of the difficulty.

Thus left in the air, Messrs. Graham and Shinwell made heroic efforts to avert catastrophe, as a result of which telegrams were sent to the districts concerned urging both sides to make temporary arrangements for carrying on pending a further meeting of the Federation on Thursday, at which, it is hoped, the delegates will realise the exceeding folly of their vote on Friday. But could any Government be placed in a more humiliating position and by the very men whom they have done their best to serve?

Liberals and Labour.

As their fear of what dissolution may bring increases, the Government are becoming quite amiable to the Liberals. At the meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party last week Sir Charles Trevelyan and others candidly admitted the impotence of the minority position, and though no direct resolution was moved, the members present were plainly in favour of a more effective understanding with Mr. Lloyd George and his followers. It was pointed out that, with the exception of the Bill to amend the Trades Disputes Act, the Liberals are likely to be in agreement with the Government on all immediate issues, and that Mr. Lloyd George has given his benison to the land legislation promoted by Dr. Addison. The Government for their part are giving renewed attention to the Liberal plans for dealing with unemployment, the Prime Minister's idea being by parliamentary co-operation between the two parties to tide over the period of industrial depression.

Unfortunately, for him and his party, the unemployment totals continue to be swollen partly by admitted abuse of the fund and partly by the reorganisation of industry itself, which tends steadily to displace considerable numbers of workers. Unless special employment schemes can be accelerated, and new industries encouraged, the total is not likely to fall appreciably in the near future.

The Dyestuffs Act.

The Opposition have decided to raise the question of the discontinuance of the Dyestuffs Act at the earliest possible moment, and probably opportunity will be found on Friday when the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill will be taken. The line of attack will be that the abandonment of an Act which has been undeniably successful in operation is another instance of the refusal of the Die-Hard Free Trader to recognise facts and conditions, and that the immediate result of the Government action, or rather inaction, will be the unloading of Continental dyestuffs on our market. The Government, I understand, will admit that during its ten years' protection, the industry has made remarkable progress, but will deny that considerations of national defence are involved in the lapsing of the Act or that there will be any prejudice to research. They are in no danger of defeat, as they will be supported by the bulk of the Liberals, but there may be abstention in their own ranks, as many trades-union representatives are convinced of the value of the Act.

East Renfrew.

The East Renfrew election result shows that the confidence which Mr. Baldwin and every good Conservative feels in the success of their party at the next appeal to the country has good warrant. To be sure, it is a case of "no change," but there is cause for high satisfaction in the increase of the majority from 1,563 to 7,410. Admittedly, we were fortunate in our candidate—the heir to a dukedom, with a winning personality, and a well-deserved reputation for thew and sportsmanship. We could do with more of his age and type, for under present conditions, Conservative youth finds entry into Parliament a narrow gate, and the party in the House tends to become mostly middle-aged.

Imperial Preference.

The Imperial Conference debate in the House of Commons last week fell rather flat, mainly because the attack lacked what the Americans call "pep" and "vim." A more excellent way may be shown when the subject is again raised this week—this time in the House of Lords on Tuesday. Lord Hailsham is to lead the attack, and since he is not only one of our ablest debaters, but "thirsting to be at 'em," the Ministerial front bench is likely to be uncomfortably riddled before he sits down. A division will be taken, for which an urgent Conservative whip has been issued.

Sweepstakes.

It was inevitable that our hospitals, and especially the London hospitals, which have a perennial struggle to make both ends meet, should be moved with envy by the success of the Dublin sweepstakes, and are asking why they cannot be privileged in like fashion. Indeed, St. Bartholomew's appeal committee, have, I understand, taken the initiative, and are sounding Members of Parliament with a view to securing their support for a big annual sweep from which all the leading hospitals would benefit. A bill to this effect is being drafted, but I am afraid that excellent as is the cause that it would serve, the Puritanical element in Parliament and in the country is too strong to allow it to reach the Statute Book.

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DO.X CRIPPLED BY FIRE.

ONE WING DESTROYED.

MISHAP WHILE LYING IN TAGUS.

LISBON, Saturday.

Fire broke out on board the German flying ship Do.X, which is moored in the Tagus, and completely destroyed the left wing.

The fire, which started at half-past two in the afternoon, was due to a spark from the auxiliary motor used for recharging the batteries. The fire spread to the upper part of the left wing.

The damage is considerable, and the repairs will take several weeks.

There was a lot of oil in the seaplane's tanks, and had the blaze not been taken in hand very quickly by the crew the Do.X would almost certainly have been utterly demolished.

Do.X arrived at Lisbon on Thursday after a successful flight from Germany via Holland, England, France, and Spain.—Reuter.

FLIGHT TO AMERICA.

BERLIN, Saturday.

The Dornier Works declare that the damage to the Do.X is not so serious as appeared at first. None of the vital parts of the flying-boat was destroyed, the damage being confined to the left wing.

Repair material is already on its way to Lisbon, and it is estimated that the repairs will not take more than a fortnight or three weeks, so that nothing should prevent the Do.X from flying to America at the scheduled date in January.—Reuter.

THE PENNY "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

NO CHANGE IN SIZE OR POLICY.

Few of the recent changes in Fleet Street have created more interest than the announcement that the "Daily Telegraph" as from to-morrow is to go back to its old price of a penny. It comes as the logical climax of the period of continuous improvement of the "Daily Telegraph" which has in the last months commanded the admiration of journalists and the close attention of the newspaper reading public.

The "Daily Telegraph" was the first of the modern newspapers. It came into existence at a time when views rather than news were the fashion. The "Daily Telegraph" redressed the balance by offering an accurate and lively picture of the world's happenings, so providing for the first time the basis for a critical examination of contemporary life. Thus journalism, as we know it to-day, was born.

The "Daily Telegraph" at a penny will maintain its present form, size, and policy. The complete news service and literary features will be continued, and the news of the day will be given, as now, fully and impartially.

KING CAROL.

RUMOURED INTENTION TO MARRY AGAIN.

VIENNA, Saturday.

According to reliable private advices from Bucharest, Queen Helene intends to reside permanently abroad, only returning to Rumania from time to time to see her son, the Crown Prince Michael. The Queen's estrangement from King Carol is now complete, and there is no prospect of a reconciliation.

It is learned that King Carol intends to marry again, although he has no definite plans at present. He has, however, resolved to marry only a lady of Royal rank. The rumour that Madame Lupescu has returned to Bucharest is denied, as also is the possibility of the King marrying her.—Reuter.

An interview with M. Argetoianu, ex-Minister of the Interior, on the Royal Divorce, appears on page 19.

AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE.

TERRIBLE GERMAN REVELATIONS.

GIRLS IN CHAINS.

ABYSSINIAN "WIVES" FOR ARABIA.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Herr Max Gruehl, who has returned from his Ethiopian expedition, relates, in the German newspaper "Zwölf Uhr Blatt," that, notwithstanding all the efforts of the League of Nations, hundreds of slaves, especially slave girls, are transported annually across the Strait by Bab-el-Mandeb to Arabia.

He asserts that most of the "goods" are obtained from the southern and south-western districts of Abyssinia, from the territories of Galla and of Schankalla, and that it is the especially gazelle-like, light-brown Galla girls who are most highly esteemed as "wives" in Arabia and beyond.

These regions are far distant from the central Government of Abyssinia, and as communications are so extremely difficult, the slave-dealers can hardly be checked. In the Province of Madschie, inhabited by Schankalla negroes, Herr Gruehl declares, raids are made on the villages, and every living person is carried off in chains. These poor creatures are forced to march painfully through the virgin forests to the coast, whence they are transported under cover of darkness in dhows to Arabia. Lightly bound Galla girls, on the other hand, are bought in their early youth by Arabian slave-traders, are collected in depots, and finally removed to Arabia.

Herr Gruehl reports that during a long caravan journey through the Sadero, a virgin forest in Southern Abyssinia, he was the chance witness of terrible scenes. He states:—

"For hours we had fought our way through darkness and the fearful morass of the forest, where hardly a path could be discovered, when we met what we thought was a drove of animals. But, incredible as it sounds, it was a drove of men and women, chained together, naked, except for a mere rag that hardly served as a fig leaf, holding naked children by the hand or carrying them on their backs, and forced onwards through the clinging morass by merciless drivers."

The explorer had the opportunity of observing closely the slaves in some of these droves, and found that all their senses were deadened. He noticed a mark on the right arm and between the breasts of the girls, and in conversation with the women he learned that it was their master's mark, which had been burnt into their skin with a hot iron.

In Galla-land, Herr Gruehl had a conversation with an intelligent slave dealer, who gave the following apologia of the "necessity" for the slave trade:—

"Arabia has a sparse population. We Arabians would soon become extinct by inbreeding if we could not obtain fresh blood from abroad, mainly from Africa. No women come willingly to our country, so we must obtain our wives by purchase. But girls have a much better life among us than they would ever have in their own homes.

"Slaves, too, we must have, for no workman comes of his own accord into our country."

"PILGRIM SLAVES."

STATEMENT BY LADY SIMON.

Lady Simon, who returned yesterday from a week's anti-slavery lecturing campaign in Scotland and elsewhere, informed a SUNDAY TIMES representative last night that, in part, the revelations of Max Gruehl were corroborated by M. Kessel and the members of the mission which was sent out by "Le Matin" early this year to tour Abyssinia

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INNOCENTS ABROAD.

WERE OGPU VICTIMS "KIDDED"?

MOSCOW'S MATADOR

MYSTERY OF RICHARD SPARROW.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MOSCOW, Saturday.

Krilenko's great World-War-Plot-Sabotage Trial, like Alexander Pope's wounded snake, "drags its slow length along." The most dramatic thing about it so far is that a million copies of Krilenko's indictment have been published in pamphlet form, price 6d., under the title of "A Blow Against Interveners."

If the trial had ended according to normal procedure on Thursday night, after the eight accused leaders of the alleged "Industrial Party" had finished reading their academic confessions—vague typewritten words held together by the stiff ideological framework supplied by a proletarian dictatorship—then the whole edifice would have wilted.

Much is always said abroad about Kismet, and the way these Russians "come clean," in the manner of Dostoievsky's "Crime and Punishment," but it would be a grave error to confuse Dostoievsky with the present proceedings. The Chief Procureur, Krilenko—the greatest matador who ever tackled a steer—whose task, precisely, is to thrust the sword of reality into these proceedings, at once admitted that the eight prisoners had confessed all and more than they have so far been accused with—except the one capital fact of sabotage which has not yet been elucidated. Therefore they might, he said, be indicted under other articles of the Red Code!

THE SECRET SERVICE.

Here is a surprise expected by everybody. He must not only examine the accused, but also produce ten witnesses: the six arrested, including the two Presidents, Schein and Osadchy, of the Engineers' Trade Union, both members of the Central Executive Committee or Soviet Parliament, and three fellows who have no known connection with industry or commerce. From these last we may expect revelations about the Secret Service side of the trial—in camera, or out.

The most picturesque of these three is a certain Richard Sparrow, or Sparro, as Krilenko passed the name down to me, underlined in blue pencil.

There is no need to emphasise further the political aims at home and abroad of this trial. It has now gone far enough to form a provisional opinion of the accused's confessions, the first fruits of their interrogation by Krilenko. The admission that some of them took commissions and orders for cotton and machinery placed by America and England looks credible enough. One of the accused says he drew such commission through a Mr. Charnock, of the former British Mission to Moscow.

That they gossiped when on business trips abroad with typically boastful and typically otiose Russian Whites of the Industrial and Commercial Committee in Paris on what these "hatchet-slingers" said they were told by M. Poincaré, M. Briand, etc., about a possible Anti-Bolshevik War this year or next is probably true; also that some of the accused had similar talk with French and possibly British Staff Officers belonging to the East European sections of their respective General Staffs, who naturally "kidded them along."

It is very likely that they, or one or two of them, supplied probably routine reports about this country's economic activities to Monsieur K., a Frenchman here in Moscow.

But their existence as an Industrial Party, or the possible existence of any such party with 2,000 members in so admirably a policed country as this is, has not been proved except by these confessions, and I see no serious attempts being made to prove it.

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

So far I find no shade of evidence as to how the enormous sum of 5,000,000 roubles alleged to have been received from France was distributed amongst the alleged 2,000 members of the alleged Industrial Party, nor any attempt to explain how sabotage orders were safely transmitted to them.

Professor Kallinkoff claims as his greatest act of sabotage his important share in drafting a "five-year plan." He, I find, is the master-key to the whole trial. The accused Professor Charnovsky, reading his typewritten statement, cheerfully informed the Court:—

"His department, the State Planning Commission, never received any real plans or any real statistics. We were a de-planning department; our plan was to build a factory which never ought to have been built, in a place nothing ought ever to be built on, and in a way nothing ought ever to be built anywhere."

WRECKING THE 5-YEAR PLAN.

MORE "CONFESSIONS."

MOSCOW, Saturday.

To-day's proceedings at the trial of the eight professors and engineers who are charged with conspiring to wreck the Soviet Five Years' Plan and to organise foreign armed intervention began, says the official Tass Agency, with the cross-examination of Professor Kallinkof.

Professor Kallinkof said that his first subversive work was the drafting of a list of factories to be granted to the holders of a concession, under the direction of Osadchy.

His next serious act of sabotage, says the Tass account of the evidence, was during the drafting of the Five Years' Plan. To the wreckers' group in the State-planning Commission it became clear that foreign help and intervention were necessary to overthrow the Soviet power. This idea, like the idea of the necessity for a military dictatorship was brought in from outside.

Professor Charnovsky, the next to be examined, became chairman of the Scientific Technical Council under Soviet rule. In 1929 he resigned his professorship in connection with this body in order, the Tass Agency asserts, to avoid political investigation into the activities of professors which was held at that time.

He was, it is averred, aware of the activities of the wreckers of the Five-Year Plan before joining the Engineering Centre from the work of the Scientific Technical Council, but took no measures to counteract them.

After Khrennikov's arrest in the autumn of 1929, Professor Charnovsky assumed his place, directing subversive activities in the metal industry. Together with Professor Ramzin and the French Agent in Moscow, he discussed measures for stopping the electrical stations from supplying power for military activities.

The next witness to be examined was Kuprianov, who joined the Supreme Economic Council in 1922, and in 1923 became Director of the Cotton Industry. In 1925 he began to notice the activities of those who were endeavouring, according to the Soviets, to wreck the Textile Industry, and at the end of the same year, states the Tass Agency, he joined in this work and had been receiving money from the headquarters of the subversive agents since 1926.—Reuter.

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CHANGING LONDON.

[Specially drawn for the SUNDAY TIMES by Hanslip Fletcher.

Further changes are likely in Mayfair as a result of the decision by Lord Howe to dispose of Curzon House [left]. There are no restrictions on the conversion of the property to commercial purposes. Business premises and offices have already made many advances in the neighbourhood. Curzon Street took its name from George Augustus Curzon, third Viscount Howe.

J. T. TYLDESLEY BURIED.

CRICKETERS' GUARD OF HONOUR.

VICAR'S TRIBUTE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MANCHESTER, Saturday.

Members of the Lancashire cricket team formed a guard of honour at the entrance to Worsley parish church this afternoon, when the funeral of J. T. Tyldesley, the Lancashire and England batsman, took place in the presence of many famous cricketers and other sportsmen from all parts of the country.

Telegrams of sympathy were received during the afternoon from the Maharajah of Nawanagar ("Ranji"), who stated that "Archie" Maclaren joined with him in the message, and from Lord Tennyson. Lord Derby, president of the Lancashire County Club, who was unable to attend, was represented by Mr. O. P. Lancashire, a former president.

In addition to the family mourners, those present included Sir Edwin Stockton, chairman of the club; Mr. H. Rylance, secretary; Mr. T. A. Higson, treasurer; Colonel L. Green, a former captain; and many other members, former members, and players.

Other prominent cricketers and officials attending were Walter Brearley, G. O. Shelmerdine, Sharp, Makepeace, Macdonald, Hopwood, D. Widdowson (head groundsman), R. Tyldesley, E. Paynter, Dr. E. M. Ashcroft (the old Derbyshire County player), Frank Sibbles, and Iddon.

The Yorkshire Club was represented by Mr. J. H. Nash (the secretary), G. Hirst, and Wilfred Rhodes. Cecil Parkin was represented by his son, and Mr. P. T. Eckersley, the Lancashire captain, who is abroad, was also represented.

The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. I. Renshaw, who was assisted by two well-known clergymen sportsmen, the Rev. R. Knight, who played for Cambridge against the Australians during their tour this summer, and the Rev. E. Arthur, a prominent cricketer and Welsh Rugby player.

In his address the vicar said: "Tyldesley was one of England's greatest players, and he was as great in good deeds as he was in a fine innings. Yet, on the testimony of all his friends, he was modest withal."

CREMATION RISKS.

CORONER URGES NEW REGULATIONS.

Dr. Waldo, the City Coroner, said yesterday that he thought very careful post-mortem examinations should be made, especially when cremation was in view.

It was not for him to say, because he only had to sign the certificates, and it rested with the Authorities whether a body should be cremated or not; but he thought the time had arrived when the Cremation Act regulations should be strengthened.

LATE NEWS

SOUTHWARK SHOPKEEPER SANDBAGGED.

Two men entered the offices of a bakery in Webber Street, Southwark, last night and struck the manger, Mr. Edwin Marsh, on the head with a stocking full of sand. They then snatched £39 which was lying on a table and escaped.

NEW AIR RECORD.

A French commercial aeroplane on the Marseilles-Paris-London line yesterday flew from Marseilles to Paris (540 miles) in 3 hrs. 3 mins. actual flying time, carrying two pilots, four passengers, and a heavy load of mail, states Reuter. This is a record. The average speed was 180 miles per hour

ARSENIC CASE MOVES.

REPORTS ON DEATHS OF TWO WOMEN.

NEW EFFORT TO FIND MRS. HEARN.

It is understood that the Cornish police are preparing a report on the deaths of Miss Mary Everard and Miss Lydia Everard, the aunt and the sister of Mrs. Hearn, who has been missing from her home at Lewannick since November 10.

Both the aunt and the sister died at Lewannick, the former in August, 1926, and the latter last July.

It is expected that a decision will be made this week-end as to whether authority should be sought for the exhumation from Lewannick churchyard of the bodies of the two women.

The circumstances relating to the death of Mrs. Aunger, the aged woman with whom Mrs. Hearn had lived in Lewannick, have also been investigated, but in this case it is not likely that any further steps will be taken.

At the inquest last week on Mrs. Thomas, of Trenhorne Farm, Lewannick, the police stated that Mrs. Hearn, if she had been found, would have been a "most important witness."

The verdict on Mrs. Thomas was that she died from arsenical poisoning, administered by some person or persons unknown.

NEW DESCRIPTION.

The Cornish police are preparing a new description of Mrs. Hearn for public circulation. She has distinct characteristics, and it is hoped that a description of them may result in tracing her. Chief of her peculiarities is a jerking of the head as she speaks and a habit of glancing sideways rather than at the person she is addressing.

New photographs of Mrs. Hearn, which have been found during the past few days will probably be issued for publication.

LINERS HELD UP.

PASSENGERS FOG-BOUND ON CLYDE.

The west of Scotland, for the second day in succession, was fogbound yesterday.

All shipping on the River Clyde was suspended. Over a dozen liners due to sail were held up, and two hundred passengers for New York were on board the Anchor liner Transylvania, which could not leave.

Many road mishaps due to darkness have occurred, the most serious involving a bus and tram at Scotstounhill, near Glasgow. Five passengers in the bus were injured.

Following heavy and continuous rain, thousands of acres are under water in Leicestershire, and many riverside roads are impassable, the water at places being 4 ft. to 5 ft. deep.

Fears of floods in the low-lying districts of Bath caused residents to move their furniture yesterday.

STORMS ABROAD.

The following reports of storms abroad were received from Reuter and other correspondents:—

Spain.—Severe storms have been raging in Spain. Near Segovia heavy rains caused a landslide which covered the main railway line. A train which could not be stopped in time was derailed and the driver killed. Near Pampelona the River Arga has overflowed and carried away a steel bridge, thus severing railway communication between that city and Madrid.

Morocco.—A cyclone over Morocco has caused great damage to telephone and telegraph systems, over 200 poles being uprooted. At Oran a cloud of sand plunged the town in darkness.

Madras.—Three Europeans, including a son of Sir Horace Beasley, Chief Justice of Madras High Court, had a narrow escape in a great storm. Mr. Beasley and two friends were swept by a huge wave into the harbour, from which they were rescured by a seam launch.

A Central News New York message states that the British steamer Wearbridge, which sent out an S O S that it was practically unmanageable in a gale, had wirelessed that she was proceeding under her own power to Norfolk.

The Wearbridge is a vessel of 4,104 tons, and is owned by the North of England Steamship Co., Ltd. She is registered at West Hartlepool.

THE SEINE RISING AGAIN.

PARIS, Saturday.

The flood-water of the Upper Seine began to arrive here during the night, causing a rise of two inches in the level of the river. It is feared that the Seine will continue to rise in Paris until the early days of next week, but it is hoped that it will fall thereafter. Rain fell fairly heavily over the Paris region this morning, having a dampening effect on the optimism which was general yesterday.—Reuter.

"I AM GOING DOWN."

AIRWOMAN FORESEES DISASTER.

NO NEWS OF MRS. KEITH MILLER.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The correspondent of the Associated Press in Havana says it is believed that Mrs. Keith Miller, the Australian airwoman, who left Havana for Miami yesterday morning, has been drowned in the Gulf of Florida. Mrs. Miller had no wireless, and no instruments for "blind" flying. The four aeroplanes sent out yesterday to search for her have found no clue to her fate.

The Havana air officials have practically abandoned all hope for Mrs. Miller's safety. It is a comparatively short flight to Miami, but the weather for the crossing was extremely rough.

BROADCAST APPEALS.

Requests have been broadcast hourly to all vessels in the Gulf of Mexico to keep a sharp look-out, but so far there has been no result. Captain W. N. Lancaster, who accompanied Mrs. Miller on previous flights, left Pittsburg to-day to join in the search.

A premonition of death, which she thrust aside for fear of being thought a coward, haunted the airwoman before she took off from Cuba.

"I don't know why it is, but something tells me that I'm going down," she said just before she took off. She added that she had had the feeling ever since her experiences on her way over from Florida.

"UNAIRWORTHY CRATE."

She called her machine an "unairworthy crate," one "which anybody but myself would refuse to fly. I am trying to put myself over as a commercial pilot," she added.

Newspaper representatives in Charleston, North Carolina, stated last night that Mrs. Keith Miller said to them less than a week ago:—"I had showed them I could fly a good plane (presumably on her record flights); I wanted to show them I could also fly a rotten one."—Reuter.

[Mrs. Keith Miller came into notice as an airwoman when she flew to Australia with Captain W. Lancaster, arriving there in March, 1926. Recently, she has been making fast flights in the United States. She won the women's trans-continental record by a flight from New York to Los Angeles, which she completed on October 16 in 25 flying hours 44 minutes. On October 28 she arrived back in New York, having set up a women's record for the return journey of 21 flying hours 47 minutes. Last week, Mrs. Keith Miller took off from Pittsburg, and flew to Havana, via Florida.]

FOUR CHILDREN KILLED BY AEROPLANE.

PILOT'S DILEMMA.

EDMONTON (ALBERTA), Saturday.

Four children were killed to-day and four others injured, at Fort Chipewyan, Alberta (500 miles to the north of Edmonton) by the crashing of an aeroplane into a pile of petrol tins, behind which the children were hiding while at play.

The pilot, Captain W. N. Sherlock—who is known as one of the most skilful airmen in the Far North—in a desperate attempt to avoid a number of children who were playing on the ice, crashed his machine into the petrol drums, not knowing that there were other children behind them.

Captain Sherlock and his passengers were unhurt.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND EVILS.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S VIEW.

It is possible Sir John Simon will speak in the House of Commons to-morrow in the debate on the resolution to increase the borrowing powers of the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

In his recent speech in Spen Valley Sir John Simon expressed a grave view as to the danger of the demoralisation of a section of the population from some recent developments in unemployment insurance benefits.

He may take the opportunity afforded by to-morrow's debate to elaborate this view, and to emphasise the necessity for overhauling the machinery of unemployment relief, with a view to making the fund solvent and distinguishing cases of insurance and cases which must be relieved on another basis.

MR. M. NORMAN'S RECALL.

WIRELESS MESSAGE IN MID-CHANNEL.

TRANSHIPMENT BY ROPE LADDERS.

Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, who sailed from Southampton for New York on Thursday, was recalled before he reached Cherbourg. It was learned yesterday that by special arrangement he changed ships without landing at the French port and arrived in London within twenty-two hours of his departure.

While in mid-Channel the Bremen, in which Mr. Norman was travelling, received a wireless message asking the Governor to return immediately to England. The commander (Capt. L. Ziegenbein), knowing that the Majestic was due at Cherbourg the same afternoon, wirelessed the commander of that vessel (Capt. E. R. White), and a message was sent to Cherbourg for a launch to be in readiness.

When the Bremen reached Cherbourg the Majestic was already lying within the breakwater. By rope-ladder Mr. Norman and his party disembarked into the launch and were taken to the Majestic, which they boarded, again using rope ladders. They thus avoided the landing and disembarkation formalities that might have prevented them from catching the returning liner.

When the Majestic reached Southampton yesterday Mr. Norman's presence on board was kept a close secret. He made a hurried return to London. It was stated last night, however, that he was out of town.

"PILGRIM SLAVES."

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with the object of investigating slavery in those parts of the world. The information obtained by the mission had created a sense of horror at the methods of trading in slaves which was going on there.

"The Anti-Slavery Society in this country," said Lady Simon, "was receiving more and more information about the matter. It is only necessary to inform the public, who really are not aware of what is going on, to arouse their indignation. I discovered this in my lectures in Scotland during the past week. Public interest is growing more and more; in fact, I am booked up with meetings till next March which demonstrates the increasing attention which is being given to the subject."

Lady Simon, who has written extensively as well as lectured on anti-slavery, stated that despite Conventions which had been ratified by nations which were members of the League of Nations, the slave trade was carried on extensively in Abyssinia and adjacent countries.

CHILDREN SOLD.

M. Kessel had had a good deal to say upon the question. One method adopted by the traders was to bring slaves in as pilgrims; but they never returned to their native lands. Sometimes families which visited the Holy City sold their children in order to pay their return fare home. The sale and the purchases were scarcely camouflaged. M. Kessel had the interesting experience of being invited to sell his own two black servants, and when the trader found there was no business to be done in this direction, he offered to sell him two Javanese girls.

Lady Simon added that during her anti-slavery campaign she had frequently been asked: "Why, if Abyssinia countenances slavery, did the King permit his son (the Duke of Gloucester) to be present at the Coronation celebrations of the Emperor Tafari of Ethiopia?"

"My reply to that," she said, "has been, that a much more useful purpose is served by maintaining friendly relations with the country, and endeavouring to influence the Emperor and his administrators to the view that the practice of slavery is degrading and horrible, than by making him an enemy and outside the scope of friendly persuasion."

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

The younger of Professor Einstein's two daughters, Margot Einstein, was married yesterday to M. Dimitri Marienof, a young Russian writer on scientific and artistic subjects.

Californians have found a new method of disposing of the grape surplus. Three thousand ewes have been shipped West by two San Angelo sheep-raisers to be fattened on grapes.

New postage stamps in commemoration of the achievements of Air Commodore Kingsford-Smith are to be issued in Australia. The design shows the two hemispheres surmounted by the aeroplane Southern Cross.

MISTAKEN INDIAN PATRIOTS.

FUTILE POLICY OF EXTREMISTS.

TRIBUTE TO THE VICEROY.

CALCUTTA, Saturday.

Addressing the company at the St. Andrew's Day dinner last night, Sir Stanley Jackson, the Governor of Bengal, said the Government had used to the full their emergency powers for dealing with civil disturbance and with organised defiance of authority and law and with the recrudescence of terrorism and the attempt to start armed rebellion.

Coming to talk of the Round Table Conference, His Excellency said the policy of those who declined to assist in its deliberations was a destructive one, and one which had done great moral harm to the younger generations by encouraging them in the belief that patriotism depended on defiance of authority and contempt for the law. But there were signs all over India that people were beginning to realise the futility of that policy.

THE VICEROY'S IDEALS.

Alluding to the Viceroy, Sir Stanley Jackson described him as an English gentleman with high ideals and possessed of exceptional qualities, which had gained the confidence of all parties and peoples in India.

Proposing the toast of "The Viceroy and the Land We Live In," the chairman, Colonel C. G Arthur, said Lord Irwin's vice-royalty had been marked by one object, viz., to do what he could for the good of India. It was unfortunate that in such a time of world depression Congress should have initiated a wrecking policy; but it should be made clear to those who would stampede order and progress by actions contrary to right and freedom that there was in India a strong representative body of Britons in whose hands was vested the responsibility for enormous monetary commitments, and, whatever changes might be made in the administration of the country, they would insist that these interests must be safeguarded.—Reuter

FEDERATION RUMOURS.

WARNING BY REFORMS OFFICE.

NEW DELHI, Saturday.

The Reforms Office has issued a *communiqué* describing as "entirely unauthorised" the various accounts which have appeared in the Press purporting to describe definite recommendations made by the Government of India regarding the constitutional arrangements to be made in view of the general acceptance, in speeches made at the Round Table Conference, of the principle of an All-India Federation.

The Government of India, it is stated, have made no such recommendations. They have kept themselves aware of various suggestions regarding the federation which have been put forward in London, but these suggestions are so lacking in detail that it has been impossible as yet for the Government of India to make any recommendations to the Secretary of State, or to do more than express general sympathy with the conception of an All-India Federation, and its readiness to examine any proposals to which shape may be given.—Reuter.

SECRET OF AN INVENTION.

MAN'S STORY OF BEING "SHADOWED."

FOREIGN AGENTS ON THE TRACK.

APPEAL TO SCOTLAND YARD.

The Special Branch of Scotland Yard is investigating complaints made by a young London inventor concerning a series of incidents in which he has been involved in the last few months.

He believed that these incidents were the outcome of attempts by foreign agents to secure from him the secret of an invention on which he has been working for a year or two.

Many requests of this description for police assistance are received, and until the matter has been given a fuller investigation the police do not know whether the position is as serious as it at first appears.

According to the complaint to Scotland Yard, the man who has completed an invention at his laboratory in a London suburb, was approached by foreign firms for details, which he refused.

Following this, from time to time he suspected that he was being followed. On one occasion there was evidence of a burglary at his laboratory, though nothing was taken. On another occasion, when carrying out an experiment in the laboratory, an explosion took place, caused, it was suspected, by someone having tampered with the plant; otherwise, it was stated, it could not have taken place.

The police inquiries will show whether the man's suspicions can be substantiated, in which case the necessary steps will be taken to provide him with protection against any recurrence of the incidents and to catch the mysterious strangers.

U.S. AND THE NEW CUNARDER.

QUESTION OF NAVAL PARITY.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

American shipping circles in general, and Washington civil servants in particular, are keenly interested in the Cunard Steamship Company's plans for a gigantic liner to eclipse every ship on the seas, and questions have been raised as to the ship's effect on the Naval Parity question.

Mr. W. I. Glover, the official in charge of foreign mails, said it would be interesting to know how much the British Government would pay in the way of a subsidy. He thought it would be a very considerable sum, but that its amount would never be exactly known.

"With us," he said, "the cards are always on the table, face up. The world knows what our mail subventions are. It will be interesting to see if this new ship arouses discussions on naval parity. She will certainly have plenty of room for 6-inch guns, together with a high speed and a superstructure which in two months could be made to fulfil the requirements of an aircraft arrier.

"There are still vacant slips in American shipyards and there are some men who would like the work of building a couple of giants like the Cunarder. There are also many Americans who would like to see such ships started soon."—Reuter.

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Court Circular.

SANDRINGHAM, Saturday.

The Right Hon. J. H. Scullin (Prime Minister of Australia) had an audience of The King at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The King and Queen, attended by the Dowager Countess of Airlie, the Lady Cynthia Colville, the Hon. Sir Derek Keppell, Major the Hon. Alexander Hardinge, and Brigadier-General George Paynter, have arrived at Sandringham.

The Rev. A. E. Smith has also arrived.

By command of The King, the Lord Marley (Lord-in-Waiting) was present at Euston Railway Station to-day upon the arrival in London of the Lord Stonehaven (late Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Australia).

Brigadier-General George Paynter has succeeded Lieut.-Colonel Reginald Seymour as Equerry-in-Waiting to His Majesty.

The Dowager Countess of Airlie and the Lady Cynthia Colville have succeeded the Lady Ampthill and the Lady Victoria Forester as Ladies-in-Waiting to The Queen.

The Prince of Wales will attend the dinner of the Royal Society to-morrow night.

Prince George will arrive in London to-morrow night from Norway.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's house party at Chatsworth for the week-end includes the Duke and Duchess of Portland, the Marquess of Hartington, Lord and Lady Desborough, Lord and Lady Mildmay of Flete, Lieutenant-General the Hon. Sir John and Lady Isobel Gathorne-Hardy, Captain the Hon. George and Lady Maude Baillie, the Hon. W. W. Astor, and Captain and Mrs. Euan Wallace.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Londonderry will return to their Park Lane house to-morrow from the country.

The Countess of Mount Edgcumbe will leave 47, Belgrave Square this week for Mount Edgcumbe, Plymouth.

The Dowager Countess of Seafield will leave England for Java on December 12.

Lady Evelyn Cobbold will leave 47, Mount Row for the Continent on December 16.

Lady Muriel Paget will return to London from Russia about December 14.

Lady Alice Reyntiens will return to 81, Cadogan Square, from Dyneley, Burnley, on December 10.

Lady Edward Spencer-Churchill is expected at 28, Grosvenor Street, on Tuesday, from Windsor.

The Hon. Mrs. Guy Wilson will return to 18, Grosvenor Square, from the Continent, on Thursday.

The Earl of Cromer was 53 yesterday, and Sir James Crichton-Browne 90; the Duke of Abercorn will be 61 to-day, and Mr. Winston Churchill 56.

Sir Nevile Wilkinson will return to London from Ireland on December 20.

Sir Edward and Lady Dawson left London yesterday for the West Indies.

Sir Charles and Lady Addis will return to 6a, Primrose Hill Road, on Thursday, from New York.

Sir Henry and Lady Pollock will leave London for Portugal on Thursday.

The Old Berkeley Beagles Children's Hunt Ball will be held in the Town Hall, High Wycombe, on December 26.

Among the members of the board present at the seventy-sixth annual meeting and the 153rd election of candidates for the benefits of the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Friday were: Mr. J. Turton Wright (chair), Sir Edward Maclagan, Sir Owen Seaman, Sir H. Percy Shepherd, Mrs. Henry Arnold, Mr. Walter Forbes, Mr. Lewis French, Mr. Egerton H. E. Hensley, Mr. G. F. Lenanton, Mr. R. J. Lesslie, Mr. John Perring, Mr. John C. Potter, Miss Thorne, Mr. Henry P. Tollinton, and Colonel Roy Truscott. Subsequently thirty-five new beneficiaries were elected, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. Turton Wright for presiding, and to Mr. John C. Potter and the scrutineers.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

LADY ERNLE.

A memorial service for Lady Ernle was held at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street, yesterday. The Rev. C. Cheshire and the Rev. G. Mostyn Pritchard officiated. Among those present were:—

Sir C. Lucas, Lady Scott Moncrieff, Lady Eve, Sir D. Powell, Mr. W. Hill Foster (representing the Central Chamber of Agriculture), Countess of Iddesleigh, Lord Danesfort, Lady Marjoribanks, Lady Fitzherbert, General Sir Pitcairn Campbell and Lady Pitcairn Campbell, Mary Lady Lawrence, Lord Charnwood, the Hon. Lady Lyttleton, Sir H. and Lady Birchenough, Lady Talbot de Malahide, Lord Monteagle, and the Countess of Bandon.

CLINIC'S ROYAL VISITOR.

The Duchess of York will visit the new Red Cross Rheumatism Clinic at Regent's Park on Thursday.

The clinic, which has been very successful, was opened by the Queen last March, and the Duchess of York will be its first Royal visitor.

MAHARAJAHS SEE FOOTBALL.

After visiting the Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, yesterday, the Maharajah of Alwar, one of the Indian Princes attending the Round Table Conference, and the Maharajah of Jhalawar went to the Tottenham Football Gound, where Tottenham Hotspur were playing Port Vale. They both took great interest in the game.

R101 *MEMORIAL FUND.*

A fresh appeal for funds to erect a memorial to the forty-eight victims of the R101 disaster is to be made through the Press, the Mayor of Bedford (Alderman S. B. Morling) stated yesterday.

Alderman Morling said that the sum needed to erect a suitable memorial would be between £1,000 and £1,200, and it was hoped that beyond this sum there would be sufficient money available to give practical help to the dependents of the men.

POETRY IN FLEET STREET.

Sir Ernest Benn has arranged for Mr. Shan Leslie to read extracts from his "Epic of Jutland" before a distinguished company at Bouverie House, Fleet Street, on December 17. The poem, which was published only a week ago, has attracted widespread attention. The reading has a double interest, for with it Sir Ernest Benn is starting a novel series of literary functions designed to occupy the odd hour which even the busiest Londoner finds sometimes on his hands between six and seven o'clock in the evening.

The charge for Society Announcements on this page is one guinea for three lines or less and 5s. for each line after. A line contains about seven words. All announcements are subject to editorial approval, and should be addressed to the Social Editor, "Sunday Times," 135, Fleet Street, E.C.4.

B.B.C.'S LARGEST STUDIO.

NEW HEADQUARTERS AT EDINBURGH.

WIRELESS AN ASSET IN SCOTTISH LIFE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

EDINBURGH, Saturday.

Broadcasting House, the palatial new headquarters of the B.B.C. in Scotland, was officially opened in Edinburgh to-night by Mr. William Adamson, Secretary of State for Scotland, who signalled the opening by striking on a bell with a key presented to him by Mrs. Whitson, the Lady Provost.

Others of the platform party included the Duke of Atholl, the Marquis of Aberdeen, Countess of Cassillis, Mrs. Philip Snowden, who is a Governor of the B.B.C., Sir John Reith, Director-General, and Mr. D. Cleghorn Thomson, Scottish Regional Director. After the ceremony an all-Scottish programme was broadcast.

Broadcasting House, which is in the old Queen's Hall, in Queen Street, goes one better than Savoy Hill, and has the largest studio in the British Isles, and probably in Europe. A spacious stage, fitted with all the most modern requirements, takes the place of the old platform, and nothing that can create the atmosphere essential to a successful performance has been omitted.

FEELING AT HOME.

Artists will feel quite at home in the sympathetic theatre surroundings which are the outcome of the successful co-operation of engineer, radio specialist, acoustic expert, and decorator, while choirs and orchestras have the benefit of travelling microphones suspended from the ceiling.

In the galleries there is spacious accommodation for visitors. Everything has also been done for the greater comfort of mind of those giving talks, and a diminutive studio is provided, a feature being that the speaker can be left alone with a comfortable armchair to make him feel at ease.

WHAT WIRELESS HAS DONE.

The Secretary for Scotland said the new Scottish headquarters of the B.B.C. would satisfy the soul of the artist and the technical demands of the radio engineer. "The total of Scottish licences," he continued, "goes on increasing from month to month, and the membership of the radio circle has doubled. The B.B.C. has made a genuine effort to foster Scottish drama, music and literature, and has brought our schools and discussion circles into touch with all the greatest experts in the country.

"Wireless is a great asset in our life. Many a lonely hamlet, many a ship's company at sea, is grateful for what the B.B.C. is doing. When I was in the Hebrides in August it was the wireless bulletin that brought the glad news from Glamis."

THE SICK LIST.

FORMER MINES MINISTER'S ILLNESS.

Mr. Ben Turner, M.P. for Batley and Morley, and formerly Minister of Mines, who is seriously ill in a Leeds nursing home, was stated last night to have passed a comfortable day. His condition is more satisfactory.

Last night's reports on the condition of other invalids were:—

Sir Maurice Anderson.—Making good progress.

General Sir Desmond O'Callaghan.—Better.

Sir John Lavery.—Satisfactory progress.

Mr. Roberts (Minister for Pensions).—Slowly recovering.

Mr. W. J. Baker, M.P.—A little weaker.

Mr. F. G. Kellaway.—Going on very well.

Sir Richard Williams Bulkeley, Bart., Lord-Lieutenant of Anglesey, is laid up with mumps, and will not be able to attend to any engagements or correspondence for a few days.

THE OPERA SUBSIDY.

CARL ROSA'S CLAIM TO RECOGNITION.

The Carl Rosa Opera Company is not at present included in the arrangements for granting a subsidy to assist in the production of grand opera.

Mrs. H. Phillips, joint managing director of the company, has sent an appeal to a number of members of the House of Commons, in which she states that the announcement of the grant would seem to assume that the centres intended to benefit look entirely to the Covent Garden touring company for their performances of opera in English, and ignore altogether the work that is being done by the Carl Rosa Opera Company, which has a record of sixty years' achievement.

"It seems unfair that a new syndicate, which has considerable financial backing, should be assisted by the State, whilst we have here an organisation already in existence, with the best available talent and the experience of a long tradition, which only needs developing.

"Moreover, it is obvious that if a subsidised touring company is to enter into competition with the privately financed Carl Rosa Company the difficulties of the latter, especially in the principal provincial towns, will be greatly intensified."

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.

Designs submitted by architects for the preliminary competition in connection with the proposed new Cathedral for the Guildford diocese will be exhibited at Guildford on Wednesday next.

LORD STONEHAVEN HOME.

Lord Stonehaven, Governor-General of Australia, arrived in London yesterday. He was met at Euston by Lord Marley, representing the King, Mr. H. G. Vincent, representing the Prime Minister, and Sir Edward Harding, representing the Dominions Office.

MISS VIOLET SAINSBURY.

Miss Violet Sybil Sainsbury, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sainsbury, of Gloucester House, Park Lane, W., is to be married at a London register office. Her bridegroom will be Major Raymond Percy Gilbert Ireland, a company director, whose address is given as Betchworth House, Betchworth, Surrey.

Miss Sainsbury, whose age is given as 26, was formerly engaged to Mr. Kenyon E. M. Goode, the amateur steeplechase jockey. Major Ireland is described as a widower, aged 35.

A NEW MOTOR SHIP.

The maiden voyage of the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company's motor-vessel Colombia, which left Amsterdam on Friday for Dover, the West Indies, and South America, opens up new possibilities for cheap, long-distance travel to people of moderate means.

At an inclusive fare of £50 for a seven weeks' trip second-class passengers are accommodated in two-berth cabins, the equipment of each including a private shower bath.

Colombia is the only passenger motor-vessel in the Royal Netherlands fleet. Her unsinkable lifeboats can be lowered, however severe may be the vessel's list, and her accommodation for children includes a sand-pit.

TOC H "CHAIN OF LIGHT."

BIRTHDAY SERVICE IN ST. PAUL'S.

WORLD FESTIVAL.

The London Birthday Festival of Toc H is to be held during the coming week-end. On the evening of Friday, December 5, there will be a service of thanksgiving and rededication in St. Paul's Cathedral, when over one hundred branches and groups will assemble with their banners, and in which the Bishop of Willesden will take part. On the following evening in the Albert Hall, London, members of the Toc H will play hosts to the many friends of the movement who will take part with them in a guest-night, arranged in honour of the occasion.

During the guest-night the Founder-Padre, the Rev. P. B. Clayton, M.C., will broadcast a message to Toc H members throughout the world. This message will be spoken just before the members and their guests stand to take part in the Toc H ceremony of "Light." The lighting of the "Prince's Lamp" in the Albert Hall will mark the completion of the twenty-four hour "World Chain of Light."

FLAME OF FRIENDSHIP.

On the preceding evening, while the service is being held in St. Paul's, the Founder-Padre, together with a few members who knew Talbot House in the days of the war, will have gathered in the upper room, which is the chapel, of that house in Poperinghe, and by lighting a Lamp of Maintenance will have started this "World Chain of Light." The Light will have passed westwards across the Atlantic to the United States and Canada, then on to Argentina, Brazil, and Chile; across the Pacific to Australia and New Zealand, onwards to India and Africa, back to Europe to Berlin, Brussels, and Paris, and so home to the Albert Hall, where Mr. Clayton will receive back the flame of friendship which has encircled the world.

This year will be the first occasion on which the Birthday Festivals of Toc H will take place in most of the big cities in this country instead of at one centre as formerly. So rapidly has Toc H grown from the few hundreds of men who gathered for its first festival celebration after the war that there is now no hall in London capable of holding even a moderate percentage of the members who wish to attend. Already from London members and their friends alone many more applications for admission to the gathering to be held next week-end have been received than either St. Paul's Cathedral or the Albert Hall can accommodate.

YESTERDAY'S MUSIC.

BACK TO MUSIC OF OLDEN DAYS.

At the Rudolf Steiner Hall, old music for harpsichord and viola da gamba was played with sensitive definition and keen appreciation of styles by Millicent and Rudolph Dolmetsch.

Bach's Sonata, No. 2 in D, for the two instruments, assured us that Mr. and Mrs. Dolmetsch were singularly happy in thinking alike about the subject in hand. The performance brought out the structural characteristics upon a perception of which half one's enjoyment of Bach's music must depend. The tone of the viola, though necessarily thin, was remarkably firm and true.

When the two were next associated, in the delightful Suite, in A major, by De Caix d'Hervelois, it was perceived that they instinctively adopted a different interpretative standpoint—fuller of sheer grace, more yielding.

Between, Mr. Dolmetsch had played the fine Purcell Suite, for harpsichord, in G minor, with that feeling for form and basic rhythm that he has taught us to expect from him. But was it altogether imagination that both here and in a Scarlatti sonata he was inclined to make the actual barring a shade elastic?

ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN.

At Wigmore Hall, Arthur Rubinstein was giving a recital—his last this season—for the Pianoforte Society. He had begun with a performance, repeated from a former occasion by request, of the Bach-Busoni Toccata, in C minor. Unhappily missing the Brahms group, a sensation came over me, in listening to his Chopin and Debussy, as of looking at pictures by masters illuminated by modern polychromatic flood-lighting.

Whether one appreciated his treatment of the B minor sonata of Chopin would depend on whether one could bring oneself to believe that Chopin himself, had he lived to become on terms with the type of modern grand pianoforte, would have condoned the full exploitation of its capacities for tone and rapid articulation. Mr. Rubinstein did so, to the uttermost; in fact, one suspected that he was trying how fast he could possibly play the Scherzo and the Finale.

He is too good an artist to indulge in wanton distortion, however, and all the proportions and details were there; it was only that they were raised to a higher power.

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS.

At Central Hall, Westminster, in the morning, the chief work in the third Children's Orchestral Concert was the Enigma Variations of Elgar. And this, with the Prelude to Act III. of "Lohengrin" and Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel made a fairly formidable meal for the young. But few of the older children present can have failed to take away with them a clear idea of the ideas behind the variations, thanks to Dr. Sargent's analysis of the composer's intentions and the actual structure of the music.

The performance itself was perhaps a little less adept than usual. There were slight differences of intonation in more than one section of the orchestra, and niceties of rhythm that required adjustment. Also there was a good deal too much force, for the comparatively small body of strings engaged, from the tympani and brass. H. F.

DUCHESS TO RECEIVE PURSES.

The Duchess of York will make her first appearance at a public social function since the birth of Princess Margaret Rose when she attends a ball at Grosvenor House on Wednesday in aid of St. Mary's Hospital. This will also be the Duchess's first appearance among friends of the hospital as its president.

During the evening the Duchess, who will be accompanied by the Duke of York, will receive purses for the new nurses' home.

HOSPITAL'S CHARTER.

Largely through the efforts of Lord Bethell (the President), a Royal charter has been granted to East Ham Hospital, and the presentation of the charter will be made by the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Vernon Hartshorn, at a reception to be held at East Ham Town Hall, on Wednesday, December 10.

The foundation stone of the hospital was laid by the Duchess of York, and the Queen formally opened the building.

ALEXANDRA ORPHANAGE.

Mr. J. Arthur Rank will preside at the 172nd anniversary dinner of the Alexandra Orphanage, Haverstock Hill, on Thursday, December 11, at Clothworkers' Hall. Mr. Rank has for some years been a member of the board of management, and is the son-in-law of Lord Marshall of Chipstead, who has been treasurer and chairman of the orphanage for thirty-two years. The chairman will be supported by:—

The Hon. Mrs. Arthur Rank, Lord Marshall and the Hon. Gwendolyn Marshall, Lord and Lady Riddell, Lord and Lady Wakefield, Sir Jeremiah and Lady Colman, Sir Leslie and Lady Burnett, Sir Reardon and Lady Smith, Sir Osborn and Lady Holmden, Sir James and Lady Carmichael, Sir Ernest Lamb, Sir Edgar Bowring, Mr. E. A. Hitchens, and Mr. Frank Stephens.

BIG BEQUEST FOR HOME OF REST.

TEETOTALISM AND VEGETARIANISM.

"NO GAMBLING."

Teetotalism and "vegetarianism on common-sense lines" are to be features of a home of rest to be set up under the will of Mr. Alexander Chaplin, of the Firs, Crowhurst, Sussex.

Mr. Chaplin's estate has been sworn at £29,293, with net personalty £25,451. He left his residence and furniture, with the residue of his estate, after payment of certain personal bequests,

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All forms of gambling shall be strictly prohibited in the home, and total abstention from strong drink shall be enforced, except under medical orders.

Vegetarianism on common-sense lines shall be a feature of the home, but no special diet shall be enforced, and ordinary meat diet shall be allowed.

DOCTOR'S BIG FORTUNE.

Estate valued at £232,609 gross, with net personalty £24,515, has been left by Dr. Thomas Willey, of Farringford, Bournemouth, and formerly of Swanage. Bequests under his will include £300 a year to his daughter Jessie Alice, for charitable dispositions, and £200 to Miss Harvey, formerly matron of his late wife's home of rest at Swanage. The bulk of the estate is left to members of Dr. Willey's family.

SIR E. TINDAL ATKINSON, K.C.

Sir Edward Tindal Atkinson, K.C., who had filled the offices of Attorney-General and Solicitor-General, left unsettled property in his own disposition valued at £13,160 gross, with net personalty £12,371. He left the silver salver presented to him by the members of the North-Eastern Circuit, of which he was at one time leader, to his daughter Elsie.

£1,000 FOR A CONVENT.

A legacy of £1,000, together with her personal and domestic effects, and a large part of her residuary estate, was left to St. Mary's Convent, Burlington Lane, Chiswick, by Mrs. Mary Dimsdale, of Cambridge Terrace, W. Mrs. Dimsdale's estate has been sworn at £24,377, with net personalty £24,041. She left £4,000 in trust for her niece Hilda Mary Dodd for life, and then as to three-fourths thereof to St. Mary's Convent. Subject to various other life interests, the ultimate residue of the estate is left among various charitable and philanthropic objects.

OTHER WILLS.

	GROSS VALUE.
FREDERICK LITCHFIELD, of the Junior Carlton Club, Pall Mall, S.W., a well-known figure in the fine art trade (net personalty £56,908)	£79,209
GEORGE HENRY DEAN, of Westland, Warblington, Hants (net personalty £22,913)	55,611
Captain HENRY FRANCIS BARTLETT, of York Terrace, Regent's Park, N.W., a director of Messrs. Elders and Fyffes, Ltd. (net personalty £25,441)	45,091
GEORGE KAY MILLS, Combermere Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, formerly secretary of the Great Western Railway (net personalty £20,263)	22,099

THE COURT LEAVES LONDON.

A WEEK AT SANDRINGHAM.

The King and Queen left King's Cross by the Royal train at 12.55 p.m. yesterday for Sandringham, where the Court will stay during next week.

The Court is expected to return to London on Monday week, and after staying at Buckingham Palace for a short period, the King and Queen will return to Sandringham for Christmas.

Before leaving London, the King received Mr. Scullin, Prime Minister of Australia, at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Scullin took leave on the conclusion of his attendance at the Imperial Conference.

Mr. Scullin is leaving London next Wednesday, and Mr. Forbes, Prime Minister of New Zealand, will depart next Saturday.

Mr. Forbes is going to visit Ireland and France before returning to New Zealand. He leaves London for Dublin to-night, and will visit Belfast on Tuesday.

The departure of Mr. Bennett, the Canadian Prime Minister, has not yet been arranged.

"HENRY V" AT DENSTONE.

During the past week the Dramatic Society at Denstone College have presented "Henry V." Over 1,600 persons saw the play, which was produced by Mr. F. J. S. Whitmore. As the king, N. C. Matthews acted his part royally.

A DAZZLING SIGN.

Evening shoppers in Oxford Street have been much attracted by a large electric sign on Gamages Marble Arch store. It shows Father Christmas in a blaze of light descending amid falling snow and scattering gifts over an old-world village.

There are nine scenes, with over 20,000 lights used over an area of 12,500 square ft.

WHITEHALL GARDENS.

In connection with the representation made by the London County Council that gardens in the rear of Whitehall Gardens should be used as open spaces, the Office of Works state that the land in question is urgently needed for the erection of Government buildings. If any land is not needed, sympathetic consideration will be given to the L.C.C. suggestion.

MRS. McKENNA AS ORGANIST.

Mrs. Reginald McKenna, who for some months has been studying organ music, is to play her first solo in public in the speech room at Harrow School on Saturday next, at an "Evening of Song and Appreciation," organised by the President of Harrow Hospital as an expression of thanks to over 1,000 helpers who assisted in the Harrow and Wealdstone carnival last summer.

The Fleet Street Choir, to which Mrs. Philip Snowden recently gave a reception at No. 11, Downing Street, will sing under the conductorship of Mr. T. B. Lawrence.

HARROW SCHOOL FILM.

A film, "The Arlington Gun," produced entirely by members of Harrow School, was shown to a crowded audience last evening. The story of an international gang, who try to steal the patent gun, was depicted on the screen, and the characters as they appeared were loudly applauded. The boys taking part were:—W. R. Nicholls, P. Stephenson, R. G. Dunn, J. S. Johnstone, F. V. Rickford-Howells, P. E. Lyon, B. D. Hawes, F. P. Smith, J. G. Bedford, S. Mackenzie, G. Denison-Smith, J. S. Bayliss, A. J. Beun, P. C. Clarke, H. M. King, and R. H. Kent. Stephenson and Nicholls were prominent as the heroes.

This film was supported by another, showing Harrow rugger, cricket, sports, speech day, and O.T.C.

MORE RAIN IN THE SOUTH.

AN UNSETTLED WEEK-END.

NOVEMBER'S VARIED RECORD.

***ENGLAND.**—Moderate or fresh northerly wind; cloudy, local rain or drizzle; moderate temperature.*

***SCOTLAND.**—Light variable breeze; fine; fog locally; rather cold, frost night and morning.*

***WALES.**—Moderate or fresh northerly wind, falling light; fair; moderate temperature.*

***ENGLISH CHANNEL.**—Wind north, moderate or fresh; cloudy, local rain; visibility moderate; sea moderate.*

***AIR PASSAGES.**—Variable winds 10-15 m.p.h. at surface, 20-25 m.p.h. at 2,000 feet. Mainly cloudy, occasional rain; bright intervals later. Visibility improving to 2-4 miles in most places.*

By OUR METEOROLOGICAL EXPERT.

Although Scotland and Ireland were within a belt of fine weather extending north-eastward from a big anticyclone in mid-Atlantic, November remained in dismal mood over most of England yesterday. Warm and cold air currents meeting on the northern flank of a stationary storm centre over Western France caused widespread heavy rain for the second day in succession.

Locally the fall was again nearly continuous, but in London and many other districts the worst of it was over before noon, and some weak and fleeting sunshine followed later. Since the downpour set in on Thursday evening between ½ in. and 1 in. had been registered over the greater part of Southern England, while Guernsey's share up to 7 a.m. yesterday was as much as 2.4 in., representing more than 150,000 tons of water to the square mile. The November total there is now well over 10 in.—an amount that has rarely been equalled in any month.

FOG IN THE NORTH.

Owing to the absence of wind in the fine-weather area over Scotland, dense fog prevailed in some regions. In the afternoon Glasgow was still enveloped in a thick pall which had developed on Thursday night. This was accompanied by continuous sharp frost. Throughout Friday the thermometer there had not exceeded 29 deg., and yesterday at 1 p.m. it stood at only 28 deg., after having dropped to 24 deg. early.

The weather was rather chilly in Northern England, but over the southern half of the country temperature was decidedly high for the time of year. Lympne, in Kent, reported 53 deg. at 1 p.m. and Kew 50 deg., the latter figure being 5 deg. above normal.

Over Britain generally November has been the fifth wet month on end. More than twice the average quantity of rain has fallen in parts of both England and Scotland, while London's surplus has been nearly 75 per cent. For this, however, an excess of sunshine over the ordinary allowance, ranging from eight hours at Kew to 30 hours at some places on the East Coast, has made partial amends. The month has also been slightly warmer than usual in the South, although the 17th brought the lowest temperatures yet recorded this year.

ARTIFICIAL SUNSHINE AT THE ZOO.

PUMA DIES OF OLD-AGE.

By OUR ZOO CORRESPONDENT.

The Lion House at the Zoo has lost another of its well-known "characters," May, the puma. This animal was hardly a Zoo pet, since her teeth were usually bared in a vindictive snarl, and she refused to make friends with anyone, but she was a much-admired inmate of the Lion House, and in spite of her bad temper she had been a great favourite ever since she managed to rear the first puma to be born at the Zoo. The cause of May's death was old age, and it has not come as a surprise to her admirers. Her mate, Joe, died some months ago, and from that time May began to fail. The Lion House now possesses only one puma, or cougar—May's son Jim, but two other examples of these American cats are exhibited in the North Mammal House.

The Zoo has now assumed the gloomy and deserted appearance that always characterises the menagerie during the weeks before Christmas. Visitors have become scarce, and consequently the majority of the animals are bored, and the few people who do visit the Gardens find that they are greeted with enthusiasm by the monkeys, bears, and other creatures that appreciate the attentions and gifts of the public. It is, therefore, an excellent time to make friends with the animals, and also an excellent opportunity to get a glimpse of some of the shy nocturnal inmates of the Zoo.

During the busy summer months the beavers are seldom seen, but on these dark foggy afternoons they imagine that dusk has fallen, and so emerge from their sleeping quarters, and can be seen working. The elusive aye-ayes and many other strange inhabitants of the Rodent House make the same mistake as the beavers, and instead of hiding, they show themselves boldly, and even accept food.

Unfortunately the bad weather is having a depressing effect upon Zoo creatures in general, and colds, with their accompanying coughs and sneezes, are the fashion in nearly every house in the Gardens. Apes and monkeys are suffering from bronchitis, and while some have returned to hospital, others are nursing their complaints either by covering themselves with straw, or by basking in the rays of their artificial sunshine lamps.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dr. Addison, Minister of Agriculture, has appointed Mr. D. E. Vandepeer to be his principal private secretary.

"Amos 'n Andy," the two most popular American vaudeville entertainers, are to broadcast for British listeners on December 31.

The Alexandra Palace trustees are calling a conference of council authorities to consider schemes for the renovation of the Palace.

The Slough police are searching for a young woman who some months ago left a parcel with a resident of Colnbrook, which was found to contain the body of a newly born child.

Oved £100 in notes and two sovereigns were found among the possessions of William Hooker, aged 80, retired carpenter, of Woking, who was found drowned in Basingstoke Canal at Woking.

When the Irish Hospitals Sweepstake prize-money was paid out in Dublin, it was announced that the father of Mr. F. R. Prescott, one of the first prize-winners, had died suddenly.

WORSE DANCING PARTNERS,
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IN TO-MORROW'S "DAILY SKETCH."

At Woking yesterday six persons were summoned for using wireless sets without having licences. Four of them were fined 5s. each, and one 7s. 6d.; the remaining case being dismissed on payment of costs.

John Kirby, whose execution for the murder of a farmer with whom he lived at Wymondham, Norfolk, was fixed for December 12 at Norwich, has been reprieved, the sentence being reduced to penal servitude for life.

The 4th Seaforth Highlanders' Reunion Club will hold its eleventh annual dinner at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., on December 12. The hon. secretary is Mr. E. Ridout, Caber Feidh, Pembroke Road, Ruislip, Middlesex.

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Court and Society

The King and Queen have been passing a fairly quiet week at Buckingham Palace, during which distinguished foreigners have been entertained by Their Majesties. On Monday the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Sweden paid an afternoon visit, the next day the Grand Duchess Xenia came to luncheon, when Princess Victoria was also present, and Prince Eugen of Sweden and the Duc and Duchesse de Guise have also been recent visitors. The Duke and Duchess of York lunched with Their Majesties on Thursday.

The Prince of Wales has promised the Countess of Pembroke that he will attend the *bal masqué* which she has arranged to take place on Tuesday at the Savoy Hotel. His Royal Highness will join her supper party, the members of which will wear dominoes and masks, light blue for the ladies and dark blue for the men. Viscountess Hambleden is having a dinner at her house in Belgrave Square for the event, and others who will go to what should prove an enjoyable evening are the Marquis and Marchioness of Hamilton, the Countess of Iveagh, Viscountess Lee of Fareham, Lady Howard de Walden, the Marchioness of Hartington, Lady Violet Astor, Lady Strathcona, the Marchioness of Salisbury, and the Marchioness of Lansdowne.

... picturesque figure was the Minister to the Hedjaz, whose white burnous fell over a long black gown. Not far away was the Hon. Lady Bingham, in black velvet and a hat with a black and white feather; Alice, Lady Lowther, also in black velvet; Madame Titulesco, with a tailless ermine collar to her black coat; Marquesa de Merry del Val, another also in black; and Madame Régis de Oliveira. Viscount D'Abernon, the Spanish and Italian Ambassadors, Mr. Jacques Cartier and his wife, Viscount and Viscountess Elibank, Sir Henry and Lady Norman, whose daughter has just gone off to India, and many diplomats were also present. Madame de Fleuriau wore a green velvet coatee over her black lace dress and her daughter was in brown georgette with a spray of crimson carnations on her shoulder.

That same afternoon Mrs. Philip Snowden had some students from the Royal Academy of Music to perform at 11, Downing Street. Mrs. Snowden wore a dress of green printed velvet, and the Chancellor was himself present, too. Songs, a violin solo, and madrigals composed the programme. Viscountess Sandhurst was among the guests, and so were Miss Haldane, Sir Ernest and Lady Moir, Mrs. Clynes, in black; Lady Shafi, in a beautiful green sari, accompanied by her granddaughter, also in native dress, Mme. Clara Novello Davies, and Lady Waterlow.

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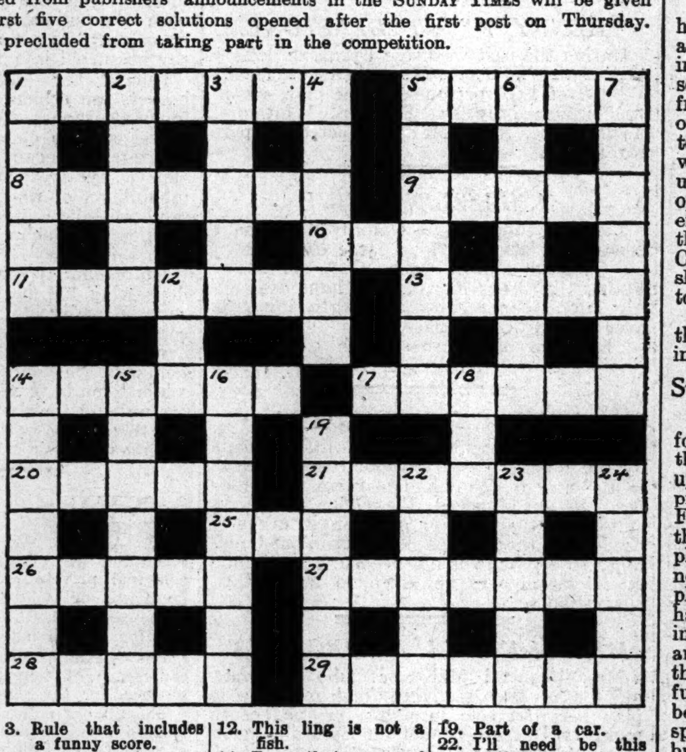

ACROSS.

1. A well-knit bargain.
5. A striking contest.
8. This man might be useful to those who think they would like a little change.
9. Thin and weak.
10. A point to give on occasion.
11. You cannot get to the bottom of what is this.
13. This play is not as refined as it might be.
14. If the first letter were "P" it would change depression to elevation.
17. English king.
20. The opposite of half 14 ac suggests a domino if curtailed.
21. "A nice ma" anag.
25. You might have to go through it, some time.
26. Suitable mount for patriotic American "stars."
27. Dog that may provide a hint.
28. It must be fine to have passed this.
29. "Dear let" anag.

DOWN.

1. Commodity initiated by two small companies.
2. It's mixed in it, no wonder it's hardly clear.
3. Rule that includes a funny score.
4. Dainty reptile.
5. This robber of senses sounds additional terror.
6. Musical instrument of old.
7. Name for a rustic.
12. This ling is not a fish.
14. Town that seems of an inventive turn of mind.
15. Has no reference to a fixture, obviously.
16. Well-known circus.
18. Is not sweet in gruel.
19. Part of a car.
22. I'll need be this perhaps if in a confused storm.
23. Sad fate of the man who met a maid after a chequered freedom.
24. Not a popular line in waistcoats.

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A Woman's Corner

Nursing Rules.

Sudden Fortunes.

By PANDORA.

On the very eve of December as we are is the time to give thanks for a mild autumn which has shortened the winter now upon us, given us roses in November, and kept the coal bills down. True, it has brought a good deal of rain—which, curiously enough, always falls most heavily after the windows have been cleaned—but not much fog, and there are still patches of green grass to be seen in many places.

I feel for the people whose lines are cast in far-off lands looking forward eagerly to their leave and then arriving on a typical November day with the sun, which they have grown to regard as a matter of course, hidden behind frowning clouds and the streets slippery and greasy. They should come home on one of those golden days of early autumn when the sun is tempered by a soft haze, the sky is a mild faded blue, the leaves are making a soft rustle as they fall in a shower of yellow and brown, and Summer says good-bye with a melancholy so gentle that one is hardly grieved. However, to the exile England is England, whatever her weather, and for all we know it may be a pleasant change to lose the sun for a time.

Useless Handiwork.

November and early December are always noted for their large crop of sales of work and bazaars in aid of various good causes. I have a mild grievance, which has been aired before in this column, about the articles which are offered for sale. They frequently represent hours of work and some ability, yet far too often the result of this labour is something which you dislike intensely and for which you can find no possible use.

At one stall for leather-work there were to be seen innumerable card-cases, reminiscent of a more formal age, and not in keeping with modern conditions. To the inquiry, after a pained glance at the card-cases, whether there were pretty and useful cases for horn-rimmed glasses which so many people wear, the answer was in the negative. Yet it seems likely that far more people would buy cases for spectacles than for visiting cards which seldom see the light of day except when you call to make "kind inquiries" or to send flowers on occasions of rejoicing and of mourning.

Moreover, there were the usual blotters too small to be of much use, and the decorated engagement blocks which have so tiny a space for entering engagements that, having used it up for the dressmaker and the committee meeting, you have to run the dentist and the dinner party into the next day, which makes for confusion. However, perhaps these articles are popular and I am ploughing a lonely furrow in complaining of them.

Waking Up Patients.

With immense interest I noticed that the Central Public Health Committee of the L.C.C. has found that there is no set time for waking patients in hospitals. I hope the patients themselves have been told of this and that they will object if they are awakened at 5 a.m. that the nurses may get on with their work. This has always been one of the rules that fretted patients greatly, and in many cases retarded their recovery as they were aroused too early from sleep to be prepared for the day.

The committee says that in twenty-eight hospitals the times for awakening patients varied from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. But also many hospitals are against any change that involves letting the patients remain undisturbed until 7 a.m. It may be true that most of the patients are accustomed to early rising and do not feel any hardship in being disturbed at 6 a.m., but surely what would be no hardship to a person in normal health must be a different matter when the patient is weak and ill and probably suffering from pain and sleeplessness. He may have only slept in the after-midnight hours, and to be awakened and washed at six must be something hard to bear with philosophy.

Nurses' Routine.

Strangely enough, it is not only in hospitals that the patients are sacrificed to the nurses' routine, for in many expensive nursing homes the patients are awakened early to be washed and settled before the night nurse goes off duty. It would seem possible to make rules a little more elastic in the interests of the patients, for the progress of the patient should be more important than the time-table of the staff. In some nursing homes the flowers, which are a joy to the shut-in people, are all cleared out soon after tea, so that the sufferer has not even colour and beauty to distract her mind from her aches and pains.

Danger in Hot Bottles.

And, talking of grievances (if they are grievances, and not legitimate complaints), a letter from a reader speaks strongly of the danger of putting very hot bottles in the bed of an unconscious person.

"It is dreadful," she says, "that people have to deliver themselves over to ignorance and want of thought when they are incapable of acting or speaking for themselves. The case of a man being rescued from drowning and then dying as the result of very hot hot-water bottles calls attention to this serious matter. My own sister was seriously injured in this way while under the influence of chloroform for an operation, and a woman in my mother's experience was a cripple for life through the carelessness of a nurse in hospital. Common-sense and a using of one's brains should prevent such accidents as occur far too often."

Probably many people will confirm what this reader says, and bring forward other instances of the result of this lack of thought.

Sweepstake Fortunes.

For a short time the winners of great fortunes in sweepstakes or otherwise have the fierce white light of publicity turned upon them, and then they disappear into private life, and of them we hear no more. For my part I would much rather hear of them a year after the interviews and the photographs had ceased to appear, and we no longer read about their dreams or their plans, but could hear what actually did happen. How amusing if each winner placed in a sealed envelope his ideas for the future, and for the distribution of the money, and then a year later released this with a truthful statement as to how the year had actually been passed, and how the money had been spent. This is a vain imagining, of course, but it would be of interest.

No one tells of the disillusionment which comes with a sudden increase of fortune. After earning a small weekly salary, to find oneself rich must seem like Paradise, but there are always the jealous friends to be reckoned with, and those who shrink away from the rich person, lest they be suspected of being hangers-on. There are the countless appeals from beggars of all classes, some deserving, as, for example, the hospitals, and others from professional beggars with a gift for letter-writing. One would begin to distrust overtures of friendship lest they be inspired by greed, one must check generous impulses lest they pauperise the decent, and it must be difficult for the man or woman who has lived in a small house of a few rooms and done his or her own work to feel at home with servants and leisure.

Probably one of the most unfortunate sides to this sudden change from poverty to wealth is that many of the newly enriched have not the education and the cultivated tastes to enjoy and appreciate foreign travel, collecting, the acquiring of a good library, the organising of some new charitable or educational scheme, or any of the many ways in which money can be well spent.

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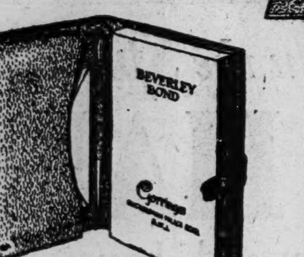

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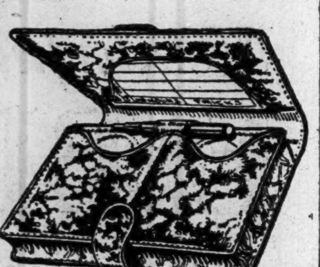

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The Prince of Wales has promised the Countess of Pembroke that he will attend the *bal masqué* which she has arranged to take place on Tuesday at the Savoy Hotel. His Royal Highness will join her supper party, the members of which will wear dominoes and masks, light blue for the ladies and dark blue for the men. Viscountess Hambleden is having a dinner at her house in Belgrave Square for the event, and others who will go to what should prove an enjoyable evening are the Marquis and Marchioness of Hamilton, the Countess of Iveagh, Viscountess Lee of Fareham, Lady Howard de Walden, the Marchioness of Hartington, Lady Violet Astor, Lady Strathcona, the Marchioness of Salisbury, and the Marchioness of Lansdowne.

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The Earl and Countess of Cromer, the latter looking very well in filmy black lace, the Earl and Countess of Cavan, and Mrs. Philip Snowden, in black georgette, were among the dinner guests at the Polish Embassy on Tuesday. After dinner the Polish Ambassador provided a programme of music which included piano solos by Stefan Askenase and songs by Olga Olgina. Among those in the Japanese double drawing room were the Aga Khan, with his wife, in black with a long chain of jade which matched bracelets which she wore over long black gloves, Viscount D'Abernon, Sir John Hanbury-Williams, who sat on a sofa next to Baroness de Cartier, who looked elegant in black velvet, Sir Arthur Crosfield, with his wife, wearing black velvet, Mrs. Wilfred Ashley, in a flame-coloured dress, Cora Countess of Strafford, Lady Jowitt, in black, and Lord and Lady Howard of Penrith, who are still better remembered as Sir Esmé and Lady Isabella Howard. I also saw Mr. and Mrs. de Laszlo, Lady Sassoon, with her granddaughter in rose pink taffetas, and other girls, such as Mlle. de Fleuriau, in pale pink, who came with Mlle. Régis de Oliveira, who had on a red velvet coatee over white. Lady Melchett, in black velvet, Sir Robert Vansittart, Lady Galway, and various Ambassadors and their ladies were also there.

Lady Margaret Stewart, in a brown broadtail coat and a little brown velvet cap, came with her sister, Lady Helen, who had on a black coat collared in white fur and a black beret with a band and bow of turquoise blue, to Madame de Fleuriau's musical party at the French Embassy on Friday. Rene le Roy, Rene Bas, Michelin Kahn, Pierre Grout, and Roger Bouliné played Rameau and Joseph Jongen, and their audience included Marchioness Curzon, who wore black trimmed with ermine, and sat next to Lady (Cecil) Lowther, who was in all black. A

Dawson wearing a dress of a very pretty shade of turquoise blue lace. Lady Burney had every reason to be satisfied with the result of her efforts in organising the ball, and she, in a dress of black velvet, was hostess to a party with her husband, Sir Dennistoun Burney. At other tables were the Hon. Lorraine Berry, Lady Ossulston, in white satin, Lord and Lady Riddell, the latter in white, Viscount and Viscountess Elibank, and Lady Moira Combe, while among those to be seen dancing were Lady Patricia Moore in a white satin frock with a hip frill, Mr. Michael Arlen, and Sir Denison Ross.

The Hon. Mrs. FitzRoy, wearing a dress of fine black lace with a little coatee treated to gold-beaded embroidery at neck and wrists, had Miss FitzRoy to help her receive the guests at the reception at the Speaker's House on Thursday, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Maurice FitzRoy, as well, the last wearing a dress of beige spotted black crepe de Chine. Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, in a light grey embossed velvet coat and hat to match, was an early arrival, and shortly after I met Lady Cynthia Mosley, in black with touches of beige and green spotted silk. Her great friend, Mrs. Euan Wallace, also came in accompanied by her husband, and soon the series of rooms became fuller and fuller. Mrs. Clynes and Mrs. Alexander, both wearing black, were chatting together, and close by were Commander Kenworthy and other M.P.s and their wives, while Miss Picton-Turberville and Miss Bondfield came just as they were, hatless, from the House of Commons. Lady (Ralph) Verney, in an attractive all green *ensemble*, just returned from a trip round the world, was having tea near where Lady Betterton and others were to be found, and so was Lady (Colin) Keppel, whose black flecked tweed coat had a collar of Persian lamb.

MAYFAIR.

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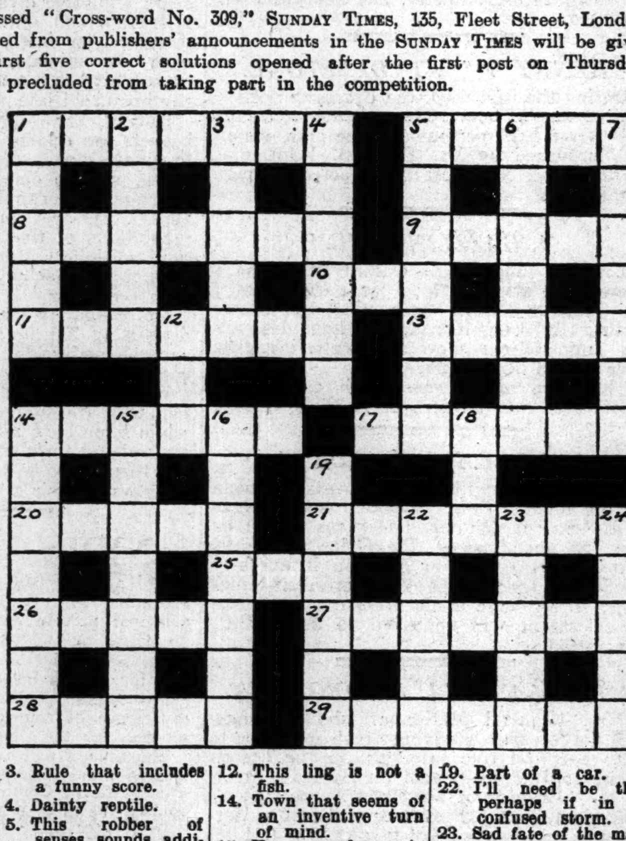

ACROSS.

1. A well-knit bargain.
5. A striking contest.
8. This man might be useful to those who think they would like a little change.
9. Thin and weak.
10. A point to give on occasion.
11. You cannot get to the bottom of what is this.
13. This play is not as refined as it might be.
14. If the first letter were "P" it would change depression to elevation.
17. English king.
20. The opposite of half 14 ac suggests a domino if curtailed.
21. "A nice ma" anag.
25. You might have to go through it, some time.
26. Suitable mount for patriotic American "stars."
27. Dog that may provide a hint.
28. It must be fine to have passed this.
29. "Dear let" anag.

DOWN.

1. Commodity initiated by two small companies.
2. It's mixed in it, no wonder it's hardly clear.
3. Rule that includes a funny score.
4. Dainty reptile.
5. This robber of senses sounds additional terror.
6. Musical instrument of old.
7. Name for a rustic.
12. This ling is not a fish.
14. Town that seems of an inventive turn of mind.
15. Has no reference to a fixture, obviously.
16. Well-known circus.
18. Is not sweet in gruel.
19. Part of a car.
22. I'll need be this perhaps if in a confused storm.
23. Sad fate of the man who met a maid after a chequered freedom.
24. Not a popular line in waistcoats.

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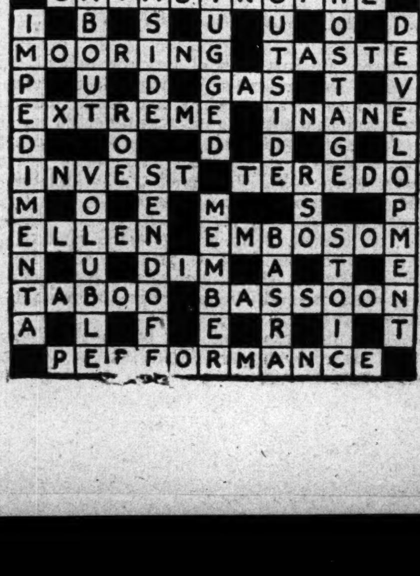

A Woman's Corner

Nursing Rules.

Sudden Fortunes.

By PANDORA.

On the very eve of December as we are in the time to give thanks for a mild autumn which has shortened the winter now upon us, given us roses in November, and kept the coal bills down. True, it has brought a good deal of rain—which, curiously enough, always falls most heavily after the windows have been cleaned—but not much fog, and there are still patches of green grass to be seen in many places.

I feel for the people whose lines are cast in far-off lands looking forward eagerly to their leave and then arriving on a typical November day with the sun, which they have grown to regard as a matter of course, hidden behind frowning clouds and the streets slippery and greasy. They should come home on one of those golden days of early autumn when the sun is tempered by a soft haze, the sky is a mild faded blue and the leaves are making a soft rustle as they fall in a shower of yellow and brown, and Summer says good-bye with a melancholy so gentle that one is hardly grieved. However, to the exile England is England, whatever her weather, and for all we know it may be a pleasant change to lose the sun for a time.

Useless Handiwork.

November and early December are always noted for their large crop of sales of work and bazaars in aid of various good causes. I have a mild grievance, which has been aired before in this column, about the articles which are offered for sale. They frequently represent hours of work and some ability, yet far too often the result of this labour is something which you dislike intensely and for which you can find no possible use.

At one stall for leather-work there were to be seen innumerable card-cases, reminiscent of a more formal age, and not in keeping with modern conditions. To the inquiry, after a pained glance at the card-cases, whether there were pretty and useful cases for horn-rimmed glasses which so many people wear, the answer was in the negative. Yet it seems likely that far more people would buy cases for spectacles than for visiting cards which seldom see the light of day except when you call to make "kind inquiries" or to send flowers on occasions of rejoicing and of mourning.

Moreover, there were the usual blotters too small to be of much use, and the decorated engagement blocks which have so tiny a space for entering engagements that, having used it up for the dressmaker and the committee meeting, you have to run the dentist and the dinner party into the next day, which makes for confusion. However, perhaps these articles are popular and I am ploughing a lonely furrow in complaining of them.

Waking Up Patients.

With immense interest I noticed that the Central Public Health Committee of the L.C.C. has found that there is no set time for waking patients in hospitals. I hope the patients themselves have been told of this and that they will object if they are awakened at 5 a.m. that the nurses may get on with their work. This has always been one of the rules that fretted patients greatly, and in many cases retarded their recovery as they were aroused too early from sleep to be prepared for the day.

The committee says that in twenty-eight hospitals the times for awakening patients varied from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. But also many hospitals are against any change that involves letting the patients remain undisturbed until 7 a.m. It may be true that most of the patients are accustomed to early rising and do not feel any hardship in being disturbed at 6 a.m., but surely what would be no hardship to a person in normal health must be a different matter when the patient is weak and ill and probably suffering from pain and sleeplessness. He may have only slept in the after-midnight hours, and to be awakened and washed at six must be something hard to bear with philosophy.

Nurses' Routine.

Strangely enough, it is not only in hospitals that the patients are sacrificed to the nurses' routine, for in many expensive nursing homes the patients are awakened early to be washed and settled before the night nurse goes off duty. It would seem possible to make rules a little more elastic in the interests of the patients, for the progress of the patient should be more important than the time-table of the staff. In some nursing homes the flowers, which are a joy to the shut-in people, are all cleared out soon after tea, so that the sufferer has not even colour and beauty to distract her mind from her aches and pains.

Danger in Hot Bottles.

And, talking of grievances (if they are grievances, and not legitimate complaints), a letter from a reader speaks strongly of the danger of putting very hot bottles in the bed of an unconscious person.

"It is dreadful," she says, "that people have to deliver themselves over to ignorance and want of thought when they are incapable of acting or speaking for themselves. The case of a man being rescued from drowning and then dying as the result of very hot hot-water bottles calls attention to this serious matter. My own sister was seriously injured in this way while under the influence of chloroform for an operation, and a woman in my mother's experience was a cripple for life through the carelessness of a nurse in hospital. Common-sense and a using of one's brains should prevent such accidents as occur far too often."

Probably many people will confirm what this reader says, and bring forward other instances of the result of this lack of thought.

Sweepstake Fortunes.

For a short time the winners of great fortunes in sweepstakes or otherwise have the fierce white light of publicity turned upon them, and then they disappear into private life, and of them we hear no more. For my part I would much rather hear of them a year after the interviews and the photographs had ceased to appear, and we no longer read about their dreams or their plans, but could hear what actually did happen. How amusing if each winner placed in a sealed envelope his ideas for the future, and for the distribution of the money, and then a year later released this with a truthful statement as to how the year had actually been passed, and how the money had been spent. This is a vain imagining, of course, but it would be of interest.

No one tells of the disillusionment which comes with a sudden increase of fortune. After earning a small weekly salary, to find oneself rich must seem like Paradise, but there are always the jealous friends to be reckoned with, and those who shrink away from the rich person, lest they be suspected of being hangers-on. There are the countless appeals from beggars of all classes, some deserving, as, for example, the hospitals, and others from professional beggars with a gift for letter-writing. One would begin to distrust overtures of friendship lest they be inspired by greed, one must check generous impulses lest they pauperise the decent, and it must be difficult for the man or woman who has lived in a small house of a few rooms and done his or her own work to feel at home with servants and leisure.

Probably one of the most unfortunate sides to this sudden change from poverty to wealth is that many of the newly enriched have not the education and the cultivated tastes to enjoy and appreciate foreign travel, collecting, the acquiring of a good library, the organising of some new charitable or educational scheme, or any of the many ways in which money can be well spent.

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DUMPING POLICY.

PICTURE OF RUSSIA FROM WITHIN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

"French, Belgian, or British workers would not tolerate the Soviet régime for a fortnight," declared M. Emile Vandervelde, the Belgian Socialist leader and former Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the representative of the "Intransigeant," on his arrival at Marseilles from a tour in the Far East, to-day.

M. Vandervelde, who is president of the Socialist International, has just completed a journey across Russia, Siberia, Manchuria, China, and French Indo-China.

"When I was in Moscow a few months ago," he said, "I was struck by the real and visible effort to achieve industrial reconstruction according to modern methods. Then I could not help asking myself: Where does the money come from? Obviously, there was no question of loans from abroad.

"Inquiries convinced me that the explanation was to be found in the fact that the Government, having a monopoly of foreign trade, sold far below current prices in the world's markets in order to obtain ready money quickly. It is the famous 'Dumping.'

"At the same time crushing taxation and heavy indirect taxes produced high sums," he said. "The State buys from the peasant at ridiculously low prices and sells to the populace at prices that are desperately high.

"The standard of life in Russia," M. Vandervelde continued, "is mediocre, and wages are low. There is an insufficient supply of manufactured articles, and those articles that are offered for sale are as expensive as they are badly made.

"There are interminable queues outside the shops and after waiting for hours, people often have to go away empty-handed.

"Meat is rare, butter and other fats are almost unobtainable. Under this régime," declared the Socialist leader, "there is no Liberty."

A "DEGENERATE" STAGE.

MR. OSBERT SITWELL'S VIEWS ON ACTORS.

Mr. Osbert Sitwell, in a speech at the annual meeting of the Essex County Drama Society at Chelmsford yesterday, said that if the stage was really unaware that, at this moment, it was in a disastrous state of degeneracy, it must be more singularly out of touch with modern life than they had imagined. Not a moment should be lost beore they confirmed to it the news of its moribund condition.

"In its own judgment, the stage," declared Mr. Sitwell, "has apparently become an institution which rivals the Church in sanctity, and the Monarchy in unassailability. But not only is the present day stage cut off from the world of contemporary ideas, apparently it is cut off also from the ideas of all the ages."

Yet in England, "in spite of the fact that the theatres are empty or full of idiots' laughter," the stage persisted in believing in its own perfection. "The actor to-day was often more interested in golf or going out to parties than in his work. Simultaneously, every successful actress became a fashionable beauty, and walked on to the stage more to welcome her friends in the stalls than to act the part."

BRITON MISSING IN FRANCE.

NEURASTHENIA VICTIM

BOULOGNE, Saturday.

An English resident here, Mr. Bertrand Underwood, has been missing for more than a week, and his family, who have reported his disappearance to the police, entertain the liveliest fears for his safety.

Mr. Underwood was born at Leicester on August 23, 1891, and some years ago married Mlle. Berthelot, daughter of M. Berthelot, Assistant-Mayor of Boulogne. Two years ago Mr. Underwood came to live permanently at Boulogne in order to help his father-in-law, a house and land agent, with his business. Mr. Underwood himself became a house agent, and his business was a very prosperous one.

For the past few weeks he had apparently suffered from neurasthenia. He left his home on November 20, and since then all efforts to discover his whereabouts have been in vain.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE.

BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF MISSING SEAPLANE.

MARSEILLES, Saturday.

Aircraft wreckage washed ashore on the coast at Fos, twenty-five miles west of Marseilles, is believed to be that of the Italian passenger seaplane which disappeared on November 21.

The aeroplane left Barcelona for Marseilles, and was last heard of three-quarters of an hour afterwards, but if the wreckage is identified as that of the missing machine, it would appear that it nearly reached its goal. It carried a crew of five and two passengers.

Every effort was made to locate it, three French torpedo boats and two dispatch boats scouring the sea and three aeroplanes, French, German, and Italian, also taking part in the search.—Reuter.

VARIETIES AT ETON.

A variety entertainment in aid of the Eton Mission was given at Eton College last night. The chief performers were Mr R. Adderson and Major A. Clarke Jervoise, two old Etonians, who are members of the Windsor Strollers, a well-known company of amateur players. A band calling themselves 'the Floreat Five," consisting of M. N. Crossley (saxophone), M. H. Illingworth (saxophone), A. Derville (piano), T. C. Heycock (banjo), and W. H. Rodwell (drums), played a number of selections; and among other performers were Madame Eurydice Yardil (who gave recitations with Mr Higginbotham at the piano), C. H. Villiers and Mr. R. E. Prior (songs), A. H. S. Coombes Tennant and A. Derville (pianoforte solos), Viscount Duncannon, K. N. S. Thomson, and N. T. L. Fisher presented the sketch, "Box and Cox."

THE WOLSEY ANNIVERSARY.

The four hundredth anniversary of Cardinal Wolsey's death was commemorated, yesterday, at Leicester.

The Bishop of Leicester said that Wolsey left behind him no legacy of high endeavour. His life was no example to be copied, but rather a warning to be heeded.

ROYAL DIVORCE FINAL.

KING CAROL AND HIS QUEEN.

EX-MINISTER'S PLEA FOR NO INTERFERENCE.

BUCHAREST, Saturday.

"The divorce is a fact and remains absolute" is the central point of an interview on the present situation between King Carol and Queen Helen of Rumania given to the newspaper "Universul" by M. Argetoianu, the former Minister of the Interior.

The interview has aroused considerable interest here, as M. Argetoianu is regarded as a potent factor in possible future political combinations.

"The man who is to devote himself to the restoration of the country must be relieved of all secondary preoccupations which might come before the permanent interests of the country, even if he be king, and, above all, if he is king," says M. Argetoianu.

Asked whether he referred to the situation in the Royal Family, he replied: "Yes and no. When King Carol returned to this country and resumed power, he was confronted with the following legal position: A divorce had been granted between himself and Princess Helen, who was using the title Princess mother of the heir to the throne. The divorce was not applied for by King Carol, but was pronounced in the face of his opposition.

RELATIONS MADE DIFFICULT.

"As a consequence of the divorce, King Carol's relations with his son Prince Michael were made difficult. On his return, however, the King conceded to Princess Helen the right of using the title 'Majesty.' No one thinks of attempting to change the legal situation which maintains the state of affairs which arose during his absence. Those who would suggest any alteration of the present legal relations do not realise the grave indelicacy which they would be committing.

"They would only disturb the Royal Family and bring about trouble that would do no good to anyone and be to the disadvantage of all. A divorce may be regrettable, but it is not illicit. Otherwise it would not be recognised by the law. The country wishes to be governed in peace by a wise king, member of a family in which each person has his or her place according to law, and consents to it."

The interview with M. Argetoianu is quoted in all the newspapers here, which also point out that the ex-Minister was received by the King yesterday.

M. Argetoianu also made a number of political statements, emphasising among them the "necessity for a new system of moral and physical discipline to which the nation should submit itself. "An example," he says, "is to be seen in the vitality, decision and liberality of the King. In him I see a guarantee for a better future and the realisation of our mission as a people."—Reuter.

"TURNERS" RETRIEVED FROM U.S.A.

HIGH PRICES AT NEW YORK SALE.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Unnamed private English collectors retrieved two Turner landscapes here last night. They had to pay 85,000 dollars (£17,000) for one called "Venice, the Guidecca," 10,000 dollars more than Rembrandt's "Rabbi in a Wide Cap" fetched at the same sale.

The other Turner, "St. Michael's Mount," cost 23,000 dollars (£4,600). Sir Henry Raeburn's "General Andrew Hay" fetched 46,000 dollars (£9,200), and his "Helen Colvin" brought in 16,000 dollars (£3,200). Both the Raeburns were bought by M. Knoedler and Company, of New York. A painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds of Lady Mary O'Brien fetched 31,000 dollars (£6,200).

The pictures came from the collection of the late Colonel Ambrose E. Monell, former President of the International Nickel Company.—Reuter.

£500 DAMAGE TO A RAILWAY ENGINE.

CUP TEAM DELAYED.

Damage estimated at £500 was caused to a locomotive of the Scots express in which the New Brighton football team were travelling from Liverpool to Carlisle yesterday for their English Cup-tie with Carlisle United.

When the train had reached Clifton and Lowther, some twenty-two miles south of Carlisle, it had to be brought to a sudden stand, owing to a mishap, known in railway terms as "dropping the plug," which is a very rare occurrence.

A fresh engine was sent from Penrith to bring the express on to Carlisle, where it arrived at 1.45 p.m.—an hour late, and only just in time for the football match.

AUSTRIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

DR. ENDER ASKED TO FORM MINISTRY.

VIENNA, Nov. 29.

The Christian Social and Heimwehr Cabinet, under Herr Vaugoin, has tendered its resignation. It has been charged provisionally to carry on the administration.—Reuter.

[The recent General Election failed to give the present Right Cabinet an independent majority, leaving it dependent on the Moderate bloc under the late Chancellor and Police President, Herr Schober, which holds the balance between Christian Socialists and Heimwehr on the Right, and the Socialists on the Left.]

The President has invited Dr. Ender, the Governor of Vorarlberg, to form a new Ministry. Dr. Ender belongs to the Christian Social Party.

HELICOPTER CRASHES IN ORCHARD.

TWO MEN INJURED.

The two occupants were injured when a small helicopter from Hanworth (Middlesex) Air Park crashed yesterday in an orchard adjoining Messrs. Parke Davis and company's factory on Hounslow Heath.

The injured were Herbert Alliott (29) of Lafone Avenue, Feltham, Middlesex (face injuries), and Arthur Rawson (34), of Ormeside, Queen Street, Emsworth, Hants (fractured right ankle and face injuries). They were taken to Hounslow Hospital and detained.

The machine, it is stated, was seen to lose height and fall suddenly to earth. The two people on board had an amazing escape from death.

"BARBARIAN" BOYS.

Speaking at Stamford School Speech Day yesterday, the headmaster, the Rev. J. D. Day, said there were few boys in the school for whose departure the school would be better, and the governors would not object to his pointing out to parents a boy of that kind.

He did not mean the dull boy, but those who had twists in their natures and could not go straight, those who always cribbed when a master's back was turned, and those who not merely had the manners of the barbarian but delighted in having them.

WOMEN SEIZED BY BANDITS.

ROBBED AND STRIPPED OF CLOTHING.

BRITISH NURSE HELD CAPTIVE.

CHINESE BRIGANDS' OUTRAGE.

PEKING, Saturday.

Mrs. H. D. Hayward, an American, in urgent need of a surgical operation, left Lanchow in the province of Kansu at the end of October for Peking, accompanied by a British nurse, Miss Gomersal. Both women belonged to the China Inland Mission.

They were attacked by bandits a few days ago, twenty miles from the railhead of Paotouchen, when travelling on a raft. The bandits held up the raft, robbed the women of everything they possessed, and stripped them of their clothing.

They are still being held captive. Their friends are very anxious in view of the intense cold of the district and of Mrs. Hayward's state of health.—Reuter.

Captain F. H. A. Stables, a British officer; Lieutenant C. J. Kanaga, a United States officer; and Mr. Findlay Andrew, a missionary, a British United Press correspondent says, are leaving Peking to-morrow (Sunday) morning in an attempt to rescue Miss Gomersal and Mrs. Hayward.

[Only a few weeks ago two British women missionaries, Miss Edith Nettleton, of Halifax, Yorkshire, and Miss Eleanor Harrison, of Cookley, Worcestershire, were murdered by Chinese bandits after being held to ransom since July. In August their captors demanded £5,000 as ransom, the alternative being their prisoners' death, and later a packet containing a finger, believed to be of Miss Nettleton, was sent to Peking.]

A YORKSHIRE WOMAN.

MISS GOMERSAL'S LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

SHEFFIELD, Saturday.

The news that Miss Gomersal, who belongs to Scunthorpe, had been captured by Chinese bandits was conveyed to her distressed parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gomersal, of Clarke Street, this morning, by a reporter, but it was not then known that she had been brutally treated and carried off to the bandits' stronghold.

Miss Gomersal was born at Hull nearly thirty-five years ago, and was educated at the Courtney Street Council Schools. She later came with her parents to Scunthorpe, and was a dressmaker on her own account before taking up missionary work. Always religiously inclined, she was a Sunday school teacher at the Frodingham Parish Church, and very popular with the young people.

Upon being accepted by the China Inland Mission she entered the Bethnal Green Hospital, London, to learn nursing, and after three years concluded her training.

Four years ago last September she sailed for China, and after spending about two years in Shanghai she moved on to the Bordon Memorial Hospital, Hankow, and it was from that address that she wrote her last letter home. It was dated October 11, and in it she stated that she had not been getting her letters regularly for a while, and that they were entirely without news.

A little while ago two missionary ladies arrived at the Bordon Hospital. They had been robbed, but were otherwise unhurt.

Miss Gomersal joined the China Inland Mission for seven years, and was not expected home. Her sister, Phyllis, about three years ago married the Rev. H. Whitcombe, then curate of the Frodingham Parish Church.

RESCUE DASH.

MISSIONARY SETS OUT ON PERILOUS TASK.

"We have received no news," said the Rev. W. H. Aldis, secretary of the China Inland Mission yesterday, "but as it is reported that Miss Gomersal was escorting an American lady to Peking, it is almost certain that she would be travelling by raft down the Yellow River. These rafts are very apt to get stuck on sandbanks, and, as a man who has just come back from that part of the world told me, this provides a fine opportunity for the brigands which infest the country to come down and seize persons and their belongings.

"It is difficult to say how serious the situation really is. The brigands vary in temperament and custom. Some are terribly cruel and ruthless, particularly those in the south. Often the brigands capture white people to use them as a ransom and a lever to get bacq into favour with the authorities.

"It often happens that the brigands have once been in the army, deserted and turned outlaw, and after a time they wish to return to the army. It is then that they capture white people, and in this part of the country they only find missionaries and hold them as the price of a reprieve. I do not remember a case when they have got any money in exchange for a prisoner, and for that reason I do not think Miss Gomersal is now being held for a money ransom.

"Mr. Findlay Andrew, who is leaving Peking to rescue Miss Gomersal and Mrs. Hayward, is well versed in the Chinese languages, and has a way about him that is very useful in that district. He is one of the most competent people who could possibly be sent to try to rescue the women, but he is undertaking a very dangerous task. These brigands would just as soon shoot a man as talk to him."

NUNS' SUFFERINGS.

CHINESE REDS AND THEIR FOREIGN CAPTIVES.

SHANGHAI, Saturday.

Bishop Mignani, who was captured by the Reds, but was allowed to return here to collect a ransom for the priests and nuns who were captured with him, in a message from Kiangfu (which was recently recaptured by the Nationalist forces) states that six Chinese priests and five Chinese sisters who were captured by the Reds on October 14 have been set free, but the Reds have sent four foreign fathers and five foreign sisters to Tang Kiang-Su—forty miles south-east of Kian—under escort, and it is feared that the hardships of the march through hilly country will be a great strain on the older nuns.—Reuter.

VALUE OF WAR MEMORIALS.

Lord Derby, unveiling a war memorial yesterday at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, of which his ancestor was founder, said that in the old days, a great opportunity was missed of commemorating the deeds of the generation.

"If these memorials had existed I think it would have shown to us, when we entered into the war, what war really was. So this memorial will serve a double purpose. It will warn people against war, and will show what a school like this was able to do in an emergency."

OSCAR WILDE'S LAST DAYS.

MEMORIES OF HIS PARIS LANDLORD.

"SEBASTIAN MELMOTH"

PARIS, Saturday.

Thirty years ago to-morrow Oscar Wilde died in the quiet little Hotel d'Alsace, in the Rue des Beaux Arts, near the Church of Saint Germain des Pres.

One afternoon in the spring of 1897 a tall stout Englishman, who gave his name as Sebastian Melmoth, took a bedroom and a sitting room at the hotel. He lived there for three and a-half years. His real name was Oscar Wilde.

The proprietor of the hotel, M. Jean Dupoirier, is still alive. He has retired, but remembers it all well. M. Melmoth arrived with a stick, an umbrella, and two suitcases, bearing his initials, which M. Dupoirier still possesses.

"He was not at all easy to get on with," M. Dupoirier told the "Intransigeant." "He would not open his mouth to the 'valet de chambre.' When he wanted anything he always asked me. 'Jean,' he would say, 'go and get me some brandy in the Avenue de l'Opéra.' It was magnificent brandy, very expensive at that time. In the early days M. Melmoth took four or five bottles of it a week."

MUTTON AND BOILED EGGS.

"Every day I served him his breakfast, and at about two o'clock a mutton cutlet and two hard-boiled eggs. He never varied his menu. In the afternoon he read or wrote. In the evening he went out, and never returned before two or three in the morning."

M. Dupoirier nursed Oscar Wilde like a father during his last illness.

"He was very patient," he said. "When he suffered too much I gave him injections of morphia. At night I used to sit in a chair opposite his bed. I nursed him until the day when the curé of St. Germain des Pres came to see him. It was then that he was converted to the Roman Catholic faith. After that two nuns tended him.

"Three or four days before he died, his sight went, and he asked the nuns to read poetry to him. He died one morning at about nine o'clock after heaving three or four sighs.

"There were two wreaths on his coffin, one from a friend, the other from 'the proprietor and waiters of the Hotel d'Alsace.' Oscar Wilde loved flowers," concluded M. Dupoirier.—Reuter.

FAMILY OF FOUR KILLED.

ARMED POSSES HUNT FOR MURDERER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The lynching of an arch-fiend, who hacked an entire family of four people to death is certain if the posses of stern-faced farmers scouring the bleak countryside in the neighbourhood of Stanfordville, near Poughkeepsie, New York, find their man.

On Thanksgiving Eve, James Germond, his wife, their 18-year-old daughter, and ten-year-old son, were slain in cold blood by a man whose only motive was to steal £20, which Germond had received that day for milk. A farm hand, who has disappeared, is suspected of the crime.

Bernice, the daughter, according to the police, was the first victim. She was stabbed to the heart in the kitchen of her home. Her mother, who came to her rescue, met the same fate. Germond was stabbed a dozen times when he attempted to seize the murderer, and his body was dragged to the barn. Raymond, the boy, had evidently sought to hide in a hay loft, but the assassin tracked him there and slew him with one thrust of his knife.

For two days the bodies lay undiscovered until a creamery employee, who wondered why Germond hadn't made his usual delivery, investigated.

All last night posses of farmers, armed with shot-guns, searched the woods and fields, and patrolled the roads defying the zero weather, and if the suspect is caught, he will receive summary justice.

BARONET "COLLARS" A BUTLER.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT RAILWAY STATION.

On a charge of improperly assaulting Sir Gerard Maxwell-Willshire, Bart., at South Kensington railway station, James Robinson, a butler, aged 57, in service at Egerton Gardens, S.W., was brought before Mr. Boyd at Westminster yesterday.

A police-sergeant said that on Friday evening he saw Sir Gerard leave South Kensington station holding Robinson by the collar of his coat. Witness reached them as they went up to a police-constable on traffic duty. Sir Gerard related the nature of the alleged assault, and said he wished to give Robinson into custody. Robinson replied "All right," and at the Walton Street police station said: "There was no evil intention."

Replying to counsel, the witness said Robinson was breathless and agitated; Sir Gerard had apparently held him tightly by the neck.

Sir Gerard Maxwell-Willshire, who asked that his name might be suppressed, said that when Robinson assaulted him he at once seized him by the collar, and ran him out of the station into the street. A policeman was in the centre of the road, and witness told him what had occurred in the station. He (witness) was reluctant to charge the man, as he did not want to be dragged into a case of that nature.

In answer to counsel, Sir Gerard said he had never seen Robinson before. After the man's misbehaviour witness turned upon him ferociously, and said: "What the devil are you doing?" Robinson appeared startled, and probably thought witness was going to hit him. "Had he been a younger man, there is no doubt I should have done so," added Sir Gerard.

Mr. Boyd committed Robinson, who pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence, to the Central Criminal Court for trial, allowing bail.

GENEROUS POLICEMAN.

SPEAKS UP FOR THE MAN WHO ASSAULTED HIM.

There was a curious incident at West London Police Court yesterday, when William Morrison, 23, of Walmer Road, Notting Hill, pleaded guilty to assaulting Police-constable Morton, by striking him in the face.

In reply to the magistrate, the constable said he was not hurt, and added:—"I should like to say that I have known the defendant for six years. He bears a wonderful character, and helps his old mother, who has a small market round."

Morrison expressed his regret, and said he could not imagine what made him strike the officer.

Mr. Powell: I should like you to remember always that the man you assaulted has pleaded for you. Police officers have to do their duty, but they are always extremely fair, and always do a good turn if they possibly can. I hope you will remember that and tell your friends to remember it.

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SULTAN'S SKULL RIDDLE.

GERMANY'S FAILURE TO SURRENDER IT.

UNDERTAKING AT VERSAILLES.

UNFULFILLED TREATY CLAUSE.

Who remembers that the Treaty of Versailles, in Article 246, demands that Germany shall return the skull of the Sultan Mkwawa?

This poser is put by Reuter's Berlin correspondent, who adds that the negro tribe of which Mkwawa was the chief, believe that the skull has magical properties. This belief prompted the insertion in the Peace Treaty, under the heading of "Special Provisions," of the following:—

> Germany will hand over to His Britannic Majesty's Government the skull of the Sultan Mkwawa, which was removed from the Protectorate of German East Africa and taken to Germany.

The six months provided for the delivery of the skull elapsed many years ago, and still it has not been handed over. Rumour has it that at one of the League of Nations meetings a prominent British statesman reminded the late Dr. Stresemann of the omission. Dr. Stresemann made inquiries and discovered that it was nowhere to be found in Germany, where, moreover, it was regarded as a legend that had never existed in fact.

Meanwhile the subjects of the late Sultan deplore the loss of their fetish and the Treaty of Versailles of necessity remains unfulfilled.

U.S. PIT EXPLOSION.

17 MINERS TRAPPED AND 13 KILLED.

LUTIE (OKLAHOMA), Saturday.

Another mine explosion occurred to-day in the ill-fated Oklahoma coalfields. Seventeen miners were entombed 1,5000 feet below the surface. Up till this afternoon all efforts to reach the trapped men were fruitless. Later, however, thirteen were found killed and four injured.—Reuter.

NO WORK FOR BLIND TEACHERS.

DEPUTATION TO THE L.C.C.

When the National Union of the Professional and Industrial Blind met in conference yesterday at Grafton Hotel, London, Dr. Whitfield opposed the idea of concerts by blind artists because the concerts would always be looked upon as "stunts," and not as normal efforts. Blind artists, he said, should be engaged on their merits.

Several speakers protested against the tardiness of English business houses, institutions, and societies in employing blind persons.

A resolution urging the spending departments of the Government to place orders with the workshops for the blind, and asking to be treated under precisely the same conditions as those governing the ordinary competitive markets, was carried.

Another resolution, viewing with alarm the growing practice of managers of institutions for the blind, who, in order to relieve themselves of irksome tasks, frequently had recourse to placing blind persons on unemployment pay, and recommending that representations should be made to the Minister of Labour, was also carried.

Disapproval of the attitude of the L.C.C. in declining to employ blind teachers in future, was expressed in a resolution proposed by Regent's Park (London) branch, and it was decided to join forces with representative bodies in a deputation to the L.C.C. Education Committee on the subject.

WALES IN LONDON.

"FIRST NATIONAL GUILDHALL."

Dame Margaret Lloyd George yesterday opened the new premises of the Young Wales Association, at the corner of Mecklenburgh Square and Gray's Inn Road.

Mr. O. Picton Davies, president of the Association, welcomed Dame Margaret, who was its first president, and Sir Howell J. Williams, the donor of the hall, presented to her golden keys of the premises, which he described as the first Welsh National Guildhall and Young Wales Association Institute.

Dame Margaret Lloyd George, speaking in Welsh, said the present premises were temporary, but they hoped to erect a permanent building on the site at a cost of £100,000.

Sir Howell J. Williams said that in the metropolis of their ancestors—for they were there before the Saxons—they again unfurled their flag, the Red Dragon of Wales, along with the Union Jack. Without the Celtic element the Commonwealth of Great Britain would never have been.

FIRE BRIGADE DISPUTE.

THREATENED WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES AVERTED.

The majority of the members of the Enfield Volunteer Fire Brigade, who had threatened to withdraw their services at midnight, signed on early yesterday as members of a newly formed brigade.

The men had demanded the withdrawal of allegations as to the conduct and efficiency of the brigade, and the rescinding of the council decision to appoint a paid superintendent.

STATE CHEMIST'S ARREST.

ATHENS, Saturday.

A sensation has been caused by the arrest to-day of M. Galopoulos, head of the State Chemical Laboratory, on a charge of being concerned in the production of vast quantities of adulterated quinine.—Reuter.

"NUDIST" LAWN TENNIS.

TOULON, Saturday.

Three men and two girls appeared to-day before the Correctional Tribunal. They had formed a "Nudist" society, and the allegation was that they played lawn tennis, notwithstanding the decidedly unfavourable weather, extremely lightly clad.

The men were each sentenced to fifteen days' imprisonment, and the girl of 18 was fined 100 frs., and the other, aged 16, 50 frs.

All the punishments were under the First Offenders' Act, and are therefore purely nominal.—Exchange.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

Under the provisions of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930, the Board of Control will be reconstituted, as from January 1 next, to consist of the chairman and four other Senior Commissioners. Mr. Laurence George Brock, C.B., chairman of the present Board, will be chairman of the Board as reconstituted.

The King has approved the appointment of the following to be members of the Board: Mr. Simon John Fraser Macleod, K.C., on the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor, and Sir Charles Hubert Bond, K.B.E., D.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P., Mr. Arthur Rotherham, M.B., and Mrs. Ellen Pinsent, C.B.E., on the recommendation of the Minister of Health.

IMPORTANCE OF SECRETARIES.

DIGNIFIED BY RECENT LEGISLATION.

RECORDER'S VIEWS.

"The office of secretary is widening from day to day in its importance," said Sir Walter Greaves-Lord, K.C., M.P., the recorder of Manchester, speaking last night at the annual banquet at the Cannon Street Hotel of the Corporation of Certified Secretaries.

"A clerk who is the mere instrument of directors—just a machine carrying out orders—is of no use," continued Sir Walter. "The last Company Act dignified the office, and also increased the duties of a secretary, making him to occupy a position impossible for a mere machine."

The standard of British commercial life was high, although it was a matter for regret that company law had been manipulated in one or two recent instances which had not reflected too well on the credit of commerce. But such organisations as that Corporation, setting the efficiency of those who held office, did much to maintain the high standards of the country.

Mr. George R. Drysdale, the Secretary, who, with Capt. F. E. Sugden and Mr. P. W. Morris (both of whom were present) formed the Corporation in 1923, also spoke and reported a six-fold increase in membership since 1924. Mr. N. Skene Smith, Secretary of the British Association for Commercial Education, referred to the co-operative efforts now being made between manufacturers and educational associations.

The chairman was the president of the Corporation, Judge Kennedy, K.C., and other speakers were Mr. J. Alen Watson, Chairman of the Council; Mr. D. P. Hutchings, Secretary, Central Association of Accountants; Mr. P. W. Norris, a member of the Corporation's Board of Examiners; and Mr. A. G. Priestman.

Others present included:

Messrs. A. W. Cubbage, G. J. Cubbage, G. Carter, H. J. Tyson, R. L. Grennan and Miss Grennan, E. P. Walter, the Misses K. D. Letchford, J. S. Gillies, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tait, Messrs. T. P. Vincent, C. Watson, G. E. Williamson, J. H. Rivers, H. Billington, L. James, C. G. Hall, S. D. Oddy, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Randall, Mr. E. Dibden, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. W. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. A. Shepherd, Mr. F. T. Haynes, Mrs. A. B. Lowrie, and Mr. J. King.

BOND WITH YUGO-SLAVIA.

Mr. Diouritch, the Yugo-Slavian Minister, speaking last night at the annual dinner in London of the British-Serbian Units Branch of the British Legion, said he thought that in Yugo-Slavia the days of the war, when British missions served on that front, were going to be remembered for ever. "Although our material connections to-day are not very good," said the Minister, "there is one bond that remains."

Following the toast of "The King of Yugo-Slavia," the Yugo-Slavian National Anthem was sung, and national dances of the country were included in the subsequent dance programme.

BERLIN FOOD RIOTS.

POLICE USE BATONS ON COMMUNISTS.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Hordes of unemployed stormed bakers and other food shops in the Neukoelln neighbourhood, where Communists abound, to-day at a time when housewives were busy doing their Sunday shopping. Bread, cakes, sausages, and other eatables were stolen. Shopkeepers put up their shutters, only opening them after the streets had been cleared by the police.

Another troop of unemployed tried to force their way to Under Den Linden, shouting, "Down with the Bruening Government," but were driven back by police, who used their batons and made several arrests.—Reuter.

'BUS ON PAVEMENT.

THREE PEOPLE HURT AND WALL DEMOLISHED.

Three people were injured when a London "General" omnibus skidded on the wet surface of the road at the junction of Duncombe and Hazelville Road, Hornsey Rise, last night.

The injured were Annie Evans, aged 26, of Earl Street, Edgware (cut head and injuries to leg), and Mr. and Mrs. A. Faulkner, of Aubrey Street, Crouch End (facial injuries). They were taken to hospital.

The bus, after skidding, mounted the pavement, demolishing a 12-ft. high wall and some iron railings. Part of the side of the bus was torn away.

The conductor of an L.G.O. motor-bus and three passengers were injured last night when the bus was involved in a collision with a motor-car at the corner of Jodrell Road and Wick Lane, Bow.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

£4,000 SAID TO BE INVOLVED.

Three men were charged with alleged conspiracy at Marlborough Street Police Court yesterday. They were Harry Wright (45), sales organiser, of Carmalt Gardens, Putney; David Schaffer (35), master printer, of Pert Hill, Sydenham; and Herbert Samuel West (50), estate agent, of Victoria Road, Bromley. They were charged with conspiring with persons unknown to defraud investors in Women's Social Services. The name of the proprietor of the business was given as Catherine Marguerite Richard.

Det.-Inspector Donaldson, of New Scotland Yard, stated that £4,000 was involved. On Friday witness went to Langham House, Regent Street, where he saw Wright, who, after being cautioned, said: "I knew there would be trouble." Later, at an address in the Strand, he saw West, who said: "I am perfectly innocent. I have proved that they owe me money for salary." In the evening he went to Sydenham and saw Schager, who said: "That's a nice thing. Have you arrested Wright?" Witness said "Yes."

All three were taken to Vine Street Police Station and the warrant was read over. Wright and Schaffer made no reply. West said: "As I have previously explained, I am innocent." They were then charged.

The three were then remanded, and allowed bail.

SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood, the retiring Commander in Chief of the Army in India, accompanied by Lady Birdwood and Miss Birdwood, sailed for home to-day in the P and O. liner Mantua.

There was a final farewell ceremony at the quayside before the departure of the liner, the Governor of Bombay and Lady Sykes being among those present.—Reuter.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL.

University College School, Hampstead, is now about to celebrate its centenary. Founded in Gower Street in 1830, the school was removed in 1907 to Hampstead, the buildings there being opened by King Edward VII.

An appeal for endowment is now being made to Old Boys, who may recognise a debt to the school, and to others who may feel that the first school in this country created free from all doctrinal restrictions deserves security and independence.

A NEW MAID OR MANSERVANT?—The help you require may be found in the Situations Bureau columns of the SUNDAY TIMES, or obtainable by advertising for it. The rate is 1s. a line. See page 29.

THE BUILDING INDUSTRY.

PROPOSED ADVISORY COUNCIL.

NEED FOR EFFICIENT ORGANISATION.

OBJECTION TO STATE INTERFERENCE.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Next Thursday a conference is to be held in private at the Royal Institute of British Architects to consider the creation of an Economic and Technical Advisory Council for the building industry. As every year there is spent on building and public works at least £250,000,000, and as the number of persons directly given employment in the industry is 800,000, it is clear that such a council, if properly run, may be of immense value.

Those connected with the management of the building industry pray that they may be delivered from any further Government interference. No doubt from the Labour point of view, a case could be made out for the creation of a Government Committee, which might play into the hands of the trade union leaders. But the experience of the days of Dr. Addison, under whom 171,000 council houses were built at a cost of £170,000,000, suggests the danger of any scheme which will introduce more political theories into a leading industry.

The Building Industry Council of Review, a private body representative of all branches of the industry, in an interim report just published, recognised that efficient organisation, leading to lower costs, is the goal. Government interference has usually led to increased costs.

The value of the action already taken by the Building Industry Council of Review is that it was formed on the initiative of members of the industry, and has not asked for any Government assistance, financial or otherwise. It is hoped that the outcome of next Thursday's conference will be the creation of an authoritative body, which will help to bring down building costs.

BURGLAR IN A CONVENT.

ATTACK ON A NUN.

Early yesterday a burglar entered the Convent of Helpers of Holy Souls, at Beaulieu, Jersey, and assaulted one of the nuns, who called for help.

He seized her throat, and released his hold only when he heard helpers arriving. He then made off down a ladder which had been placed against the house.

DROVE OFF WITH THE CHEESE.

Fifty cases of cheese, which had been loaded in a motor van for delivery for the Co-operative Wholesale Society in London, were stolen yesterday.

The theft occurred in Tooley Street, near London Bridge, when the carman had left his van to get his breakfast. During his absence the thieves got into the driver's seat and drove off. Later the lorry, containing only eighteen cartons of cheese, was found abandoned at Rotherhithe.

COLLECTING-BOX STOLEN.

Thieves, who smashed a window to enter the International Stores at Addlestone soon after midnight on Friday, stole a hospital collecting-box. It is believed that the rest of their haul was only threepence and some biscuits.

NEW FOOT SUBWAY.

BETWEEN COUNTY HALL AND HOSPITAL.

The approval by the London County Council of an expenditure of £11,500 for constructing a subway between County Hall and St. Thomas's Hospital is proposed in a report issued yesterday by the Improvements Committee.

"We have considered statistics supplied by the police as to the number of accidents that have occurred at the crossing in question during recent years, and, as a result, have come to the unanimous conclusion that the construction of a subway is both desirable and urgently necessary," the committee report.

Three schemes have been examined, and the one which the committee thought should be adopted provided for a subway eight feet wide, with an entrance west of the Westminster Bridge entrance to County Hall, the other entrance being at the north-east corner of the hospital.

The committee think that the provision of an escalator would involve unnecessary additional expense.

DOWNHILL ONLY CLUB.

NO FALL SKI RACE.

The Downhill Only Club announce that the race for the No Fall Championship Ski Race for a trophy presented by the SUNDAY TIMES will be held at Wengen on January 18.

Owing to the great interest taken in No Fall racing since this cup was presented, it has been found advisable to hold the race on a Sunday so as to permit Swiss and other competitors to attend.

This will be the fifth year, and it will be recalled that last year the race was won by that brilliant young Etonian C. F. S Taylor in the amazing time of 3 min. 48.3-5 sec. from a field which included the finest British and local Swiss runners.

CATHEDRAL WAR MEMORIAL.

Foundation-stones of the war memorial chapel at Norwich Cathedral, by which it is proposed to replace as nearly as possible an ancient Norman Chapel known to have existed, were laid yesterday by the Bishop of Norwich, by the Earl of Leicester, High Steward of the Cathedral, and by Canon Allen Bell, the Vice-Dean.

The chapel is in memory of Dean Beeching, by whom the idea of replacing the chapel was conceived.

MOTOR JACK THROUGH WINDOW.

A motor-jack was thrown through the plate glass window of Messrs. Baldwin and Sons, numismatists, Charing Cross, W.C., early yesterday, by smash and grab raiders, who drew up to the kerb in a high-powered car.

The raiders snatched a few medals and antique coins from the window, but were disturbed by police officers before they could make a substantial haul. They jumped back into their car and made off in the direction of Charing Cross Road.

Two men in another car gave chase, but lost track of the thieves in Tottenham Court Road.

SON ROBS HIS FATHER.

Kenneth Steward, aged 29, son of a surveyor at Wells, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in the second division by Mr Justice Finlay, at Bristol Assizes, yesterday, for stealing £87 from his father.

It was stated that his father had twice sent him to Canada and maintained him, his wife and child, while he was out of work. He had recently roamed the country and ultimately entered his father's offices and stole wages money.

AN £18,000 BRACELET.

GIVEN AND RETURNED IN CURIOUS CASE.

MAN WHO POSED AS A BANKER.

A bracelet valued at £18,000 figured in a case at Bow Street Police Court yesterday when William Morrison, 40, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for obtaining £8,800 from a Mr. Watters and breach of the Aliens Order.

Morrison, who had been remanded in custody, was arrested after the issue of a warrant twelve months ago. A further charge preferred against him yesterday was the breach of the Aliens Order. He pleaded guilty to obtaining £8,800 in cash from Mr. Watters, the prosecutor, and this was accepted by the prosecution.

RETURNED TEN MONTHS AGO.

Mr. Harry Myers (for the defence) said that there were four charges against Morrison—one of breach of the Aliens Order, one of obtaining a bracelet valued at £18,000, one of obtaining bills of exchange for £10,000 and one of obtaining cash for £8,800.

Morrison desired to plead guilty to the charge of respecting the £8,800. The bracelet and the bills of exchange were returned to Mr. Watters ten months ago, after the warrant had been issued for Morrison's arrest.

Mr. Fulton (for the prosecution) said that he did not object to the proposed plea of guilty, and stated that Mr. Watters was staying at a boarding-house at Brighton in November, 1922, when he met Morrison. Morrison told him he was a banker at Montreal, and had paid into a pool £230,000 worth of Canadian Pacific Railway shares. He said that his part was more than he could carry. He could pay £18,000, and he offered Mr. Watters a chance of coming in for £11,000.

BRACELET HANDED TO MORRISON.

Mr. Watters went to a bank in London, where he had a quantity of valuable jewellery, and took out a bracelet worth £18,500, which he handed to Morrison. He subsequently gave Morrison bills of considerable value. The bracelet and bills were returned to Mr. Watters in December and January last.

Morrison told Mr. Watters that he must have some cash, and Mr. Watters sold a quantity of shares, and drew eight £1,000 banknotes and three £100 banknotes, which he gave to Morrison. He had previously given Morrison £500 at Brighton.

Inquiries showed that Morrison's statement that he was a banker in Montreal was untrue. He left the country, and it was only on his return that the warrant had been executed.

Mr. Watters, a grey-haired man of over 70, said that the bracelet was returned to him at the bank. He had lost £8,800.

Mr. Fulton said that £300 found on Morrison was admitted to be part of the proceeds, and he asked for an order for its restitution to Mr. Watters.

INTENDED TO SURRENDER.

Mr. Myers said his instructions were that Morrison returned to this country intending to have the matter disposed of by surrendering if he were not arrested. Substantial restitution would be made to the prosecutor, and he consented to the £300 being handed over to Mr. Watters. No doubt there would be civil proceedings.

Chief-inspector Helby, of Scotland Yard, said that Morrison had never been convicted in this country. His finger-prints revealed that he was identical with a man wanted in the States.

Mr. Myers: In the absence of proof I shall ask you to ignore that.

Inspector Helby said that Morrison had given no account of himself, and he had been unable to make any inquiries about him.

WIDELY ADVERTISED.

He could not understand why the bracelet had been returned after Morrison had got away. He did not think it would have been difficult to negotiate if the stones were broken up.

Mr. Fulton: You know this bracelet was advertised all over the Continent?

Inspector Helby: It was.

He added that he believed that Morrison's real name was Walter Leslie Marks.

"There is no doubt," he said, "that Morrison is connected with share-pushing."

Mr. Fry (the magistrate) said that it was an unusual case, but he could only deal with Morrison for obtaining the £8,800, and the breach of the Aliens Order. In addition to the sentence of imprisonment Morrison was recommended for deportation.

PARIS AERO SHOW.

"BRISTOL FIGHTERS" ON EXHIBITION.

Sir G. Stanley White, managing director of the Bristol Aeroplane Company, writes:—

In your last issue it is stated that only two British aircraft are to be exhibited at the Paris Aero Exhibition—namely, a De Havilland "Moth" and an Armstrong-Siddeley "Atlas." This is quite incorrect, as the "Bristol" Bulldog single-seater fighter will also be shown. This is an all-steel machine forming the latest equipment of Royal Air Force squadrons, and has been supplied to no less than nine different countries.

That this company is aware of the trade possibilities of the Paris Aero Show is evidenced by the fact that "Bristol" material has been exhibited on every occasion this show has been held since 1910, and on occasions has been the only British firm taking part.

EX-KING HUSSEIN'S HEALTH.

CAIRO, Saturday.

It is reported that ex-King Hussein, father of King Feisal of Iraq, has arrived at Amman (Transjordania).

His health is stated to have much improved.—Reuter.

NAVY'S CHRISTMAS LEAVE.

Portsmouth Port Orders notify that ships of the Atlantic Fleet, Portsmouth, will give the following Christmas leave:—First watch, November 28-December 13; second watch, December 13-December 29. Aircraft carrier Courageous, the destroyer Sesame, and the battleship Valiant are an exception to these dates.

The Emperor of India Christmas leave is: First watch, December 16-December 31; second, December 31-January 15.

CURED BY BLEEDING.

When Horace Loach, aged 26, was charged at Folkestone yesterday with attempted suicide a police officer said that whilst Loach was in hospital he said he had made three previous attempts to take his life, but not in this country.

"On another occasion," Loach said, "I meant to make a job of it, but the loss of blood always makes me feel better."

Loach, whose mother is in America, was committed for trial.

MOTOR-CYCLE CLUB "BIRTHDAY."

The Motor Cycle Club, the organisers of some of the most "sporting" trials in the country, last night celebrated its 24th anniversary in London by a dinner that was followed by a cabaret and dance.

Mr. J. Van Hooydonck was in the chair, and more than 360 members were present. An unusual feature of the evening was that there was only one speech, after which the club members saw a cinematograph film of the performances of their members in trials.

The next club event is the London to Exeter and back run, which starts on Boxing Day from Virginia Water.

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DISARMAMENT.

FOUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.

MR. HENDERSON AND BRITISH POLICY.

ATTITUDE OF THE DOMINIONS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CARDIFF, Saturday.

Speaking here to-day, Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, said that as a result of the work of the Imperial Conference, it was hoped that the self-governing Dominions would act with this country in accepting what was called the General Act, under the terms of which every international dispute, whether legal or not, would be referred to an impartial arbitral tribunal. It had also been agreed in principle that the Covenant of the League of Nations should be brought into harmony with the Briand-Kellogg Pact, and that war should be made in law, what it had always been in morality, a national crime.

On the question of Disarmament we were in complete agreement with the Dominions, and they found it easy to agree in the Imperial Conference upon the main outline of the practical plan by which disarmament could be achieved. During the last few weeks our respective delegates in the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, had been working hard in order to secure the acceptance of that plan. He was glad to say that, in his opinion, they had been making very satisfactory progress. In this connection, he could not appraise too highly the services of Lord Cecil.

STEPS TO DISARMAMENT.

What was needed, if the disarmament treaty which we were to make was to be a real and living thing? Plainly, we must have some limitation of the man-power, that is to say, of the actual strength in soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the forces we maintained. Next, we must have some limitation of what was called material, that is to say, of the weapons and equipment which the soldiers, sailors, and airmen would use. Thirdly, we must have publicity, so that we knew what the other governments were doing, what preparations for war were actually being made. Fourthly, we must have some sort of supervision and control by an impartial League of Nations Commission, whose task it should be to ensure that the limits of the Disarmament Convention were not infringed.

He (Mr. Henderson) had reason to believe that all these things had been secured in the draft which the Preparatory Commission was drawing up. Of course, no plan which resulted from an international treaty could be perfect, and the draft treaty which the Preparatory Commission was making would not be perfect, but he believed that it would be reasonably strong, comprehensive, and flexible. At least, it would be an adequate beginning for the task we had in hand.

REVISION IN FIVE YEARS.

After the first five years, the whole Disarmament Treaty would be revised. If the experience of those five years showed that our treaty needed improvement, we should then improve it. But what was now being done would give the World Disarmament Conference, which it was hoped would meet next year, a framework into which it could fit the actual details of the armament limitations which Governments accepted.

He hoped that the World Conference would be summoned by the Council of the League which he was to attend in January next. He hoped that we should then settle down to carrying on the negotiations for the actual limits of armaments which the Governments would accept. That second part of their task would be even harder than the first. But he asked all the friends of peace throughout the country to give their thought and attention to this matter.

BURDEN OF ARMAMENTS.

When we made that treaty, we must see to it that it was a treaty not simply of limitation, but of reduction too—but it must be on a definite international basis. Then it was necessary also to do everything that lay in our power to lighten the burden of armaments which now bore so heavily on the nations of the world. Only by so doing could we fulfil the Treaty obligations which we undertook in the Treaty of Versailles, signed more than eleven years ago. Only so could we get rid of that competition in the devilish preparation for war which in the long run must lead inevitably to another holocaust like the last. Only so could we ensure the future of the League of Nations.

NO ELECTION UNLESS . . . .

Replying to Sir Austen Chamberlain's "very severe strictures" on the Government's handling of the Imperial Conference, Mr. Henderson said that Sir Austen was very angry, and had asked: "What use is it to have cheaper food if you cannot buy it?"

"In other words," said Mr. Henderson, "he wants us to tax everybody's food. I challenge him to show how he, or any member of Mr. Baldwin's party, were they in power to-day, could give a guarantee to the employed of this country that their wages would be correspondingly increased to make up for the taxation of their food. We did not accept the policy put forward by the Canadian Prime Minister because we are opposed to any form of protection that will have the effect of making the life of the poorest of the poor harder and more difficult. We also opposed it because the majority of the people of this country had never declared in favour of it."

Referring to talk about a General Election, Mr. Henderson said that rumours had been particularly persistent with regard to the Labour Government, often in association with mysterious hints about dissensions in the Cabinet and intrigues in the Labour Party. Mr. Baldwin said that he almost scented a General Election. One might picture him as a hound scampering at the heels of the foxes. In his (Mr. Baldwin's) case, as in others, no doubt the wish was father to the thought.

"We intend," he said, "to fight through. Set this talk about a General Election aside. We have no intention of having an election unless we are forced to it by defeat by a combination in the House of Commons on some great vital question, and there is no other course for us to take than to appeal to the country upon it."

TOLL OF THE AIR.

FRENCH CLAIM FOR THEIR SERVICE.

PARIS, Saturday.

A claim that fatal accidents in the French army flying regiments are on a lower proportion to flying hours than those of any other nation in the world is made by the French Air Ministry in response to repeated attacks on account of the number of fatalities recently.

The Ministry state that in France there was one fatal accident for every 3,091 flying hours during the first six months of the year, whereas the average for the world was 1 per 3,000 hours of flight.

The French figures in 1921 were one fatality per 1,143 flying hours and in 1929 one fatality per 2,633 flying hours.—Exchange.

SEARCH FOR ESCAPED PRISONER.

Scotland Yard officers searched yesterday for the man who escaped from the two policemen who were taking him to Hunter Street Police Station on Friday night, but so far he has eluded the detectives. The man is stated to have used a suitcase he was carrying to knock down one of the officers.

After being chased along Compton Street into Brunswick Square, he climbed over some railings and disappeared.

LIBERALS AND AN ELECTION.

"NOT IN NATIONAL INTEREST."

THE PROBLEM OF INDIA

"It would not be in the national interest," stated Sir Herbert Samuel at a meeting yesterday in Saffron Walden, "to precipitate at this time a political crisis.

"We should gain nothing by the disturbance, and the uncertainty which a General Election must bring—least of all at this moment when representatives of the Indian peoples are meeting in council representatives of all sections of British opinion in the endeavour to solve what is by far the most momentous problem that has arisen within the Empire in our time and generation."

Some organs in the Press had often attempted to stir the languid interest of their readers by means of striking headlines prophesying a political crisis and an imminent General Election. He advised them to discount those sensational announcements. It was true that an election might be made unavoidable. The Government of the day might take some step in an important matter of home or Imperial or foreign policy which a majority of the House of Commons would be bound to condemn.

LIBERAL FREEDOM OF ACTION.

The Liberal Party is, of course, perfectly free to take any action at any time which in such a juncture it may hold to be necessary, but short of that it does not seem to me advisable that action should be taken by any party which would invite a crisis at this time.

"Particularly is this so since there is not the smallest assurance that any Government which is likely in present circumstances to replace the existing Administration would be more competent to lead the country out of its economic troubles. In addition, there is now to certainty that a general Protective tariff would be established. No doubt it might prove an immediate stimulant to particular industries, but it would be to the detriment in the long run of the whole community. It would be a policy which has not prevented Germany from having three and a-half millions of unemployed workers at the present time and the United States a number far in excess of that, a policy which has largely contributed to bring Australia to a position of grave economic danger."

PUBLIC OPINION AS JUDGE.

In a reference to the coal crisis, Sir Herbert said that British industry was in no condition to stand another coal stoppage. While mineowners and miners fought the trade of the country suffered, and the third party got most of the clows.

"I think general public opinion will be inclined to support the decisions of the Joint Industrial Board. Here we have an impartial tribunal containing representatives of both interests, together with an independent element, sitting under the presidency of a chairman in whom there is general confidence. The nation will be inclined to judge that whichever party rejects the recommendations of that tribunal is in the wrong."

MORE FINANCIAL DICTATORS.

GERMAN PRICE CUTTING.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Financial dictators have now been appointed by the Government for the towns of Altona, Dortmund, Erfurt, Gladbeck, Hagen, Königsberg, Oppeln, Wiesbaden, Frankfurt-on-Maine, and Stettin, and, as in Berlin, they will in these cases also compel the immediate imposition of taxes to balance the municipal accounts.

In the meantime, as traders do not assist in reducing the selling price of the necessaries of life, the President of the Berlin police has appointed a high official with full powers to compel compliance with the Government's wishes that there shall be an all-round reduction of prices. Already, however, the Berlin electrical works has lowered the charge for power to small firms using it for industrial purposes.

Several first-class hotels, which discovered that business was seriously declining, have reduced the price of their rooms in some cases by 10 to 15 per cent., and in others by 20 per cent., while the price charged for meals is being lowered in many hotels, so that the smaller restaurants must soon follow the example.

Efforts are being made to induce the Reichsbahn to reduce fares, but there is little hope that they will succeed, though Lufthansa has lowered the fares on most of the German flying routes by about 30 per cent., so that they are now very little above second-class railway fares.

A NATIONAL POLICY.

MR. BALDWIN'S APPEAL TO WHITECHAPEL.

BROKEN FAITH.

SOCIALISTS FAILURE IN GOVERNMENT.

Candidates.
T. Loel Guinness (Unionist).
B. Janner (Liberal).
J. Hall (Labour).
H. Pollitt (Communist).
Polling: Wednesday.

Last Election: Harry Gosling (Lab.), 13,701; F. H. Sedgwick (Lib.), 4,521; T. L. Guinness (U.), 3,478. Lab. maj., 9,180.

By A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

Mr. Baldwin has sent a most heartening message to Mr. Guinness, the Conservative candidate in the Whitechapel bye-election. It reads:—

Dear Mr. Guinness,—I wish you all success in the splendid fight which you are waging in order to capture Whitechapel from the Socialists.

The main question which the electors have got to ask themselves is this: Are they going to support a Government which has been faithless to its promises; has brought the trade of the country to disaster; has piled up fresh burdens of taxation on the community; has shown itself powerless to stem the growing tide of unemployment, which has more than doubled during their administration, and, finally, by its policy in regard to Palestine, has shown that it is not to be trusted to observe rigidly the solemn national obligations entered into by previous Governments? Or are the electors going to support the Conservative Party, the only party in the State with a national policy which holds out to all classes hopes of better conditions, increased trade, reduced taxation, and greater prosperity?

The Socialists have failed; the Liberal Party has become nothing more or less than a small appendage of the Socialist Party, and the Conservative Party is the only party which can, and will, set about retrieving the damage of the last eighteen months.

I appeal to all electors to register their protest against the incompetence and mismanagement of the present Government by returning you at the top of the poll.—Yours sincerely,

(Signed) STANLEY BALDWIN.

A NEW SITUATION.

The Unionist leader's succinct criticism of the Government's record at home and abroad expresses exactly what Conservative workers in the division have been drumming home to the electorate for the past three weeks, and what is believed to have created a new orientation there. It is felt, too, that discontent is more likely to benefit Mr. Guinness than his Liberal and Communist opponents.

Mr. Guinness, who is working very hard and is daily making new friends in the division, told me yesterday that he feels very happy about the situation, and that his hopes of victory are substantially stronger than they were a week ago.

"I base my optimism," he added, "on the excellent meetings I am having and the very attentive way in which the audiences listen and question. Mine are quite definitely the best meetings in the campaign, and it is, I feel, especially significant that in the docks area, supposed to be a Labour and Socialist stronghold, I get such an excellent hearing.

JEWS AND ROMAN CATHOLICS.

"The resentment of the Jewish voters at the Government's policy on Palestine does not abate, and the strong Roman Catholic element is strongly opposed to the provisions of the new Education Bill, so far as it affects non-provided schools, the extra cost of which will, to them, be very burdensome.

"Apart from these matters, I find that the electorate is principally concerned in the failure of the Government's industrial and unemployment policy. That is to say, the voters are interested, naturally, in their own future economic welfare. I feel that I have done a good deal to convince them that the Conservative policy of Safeguarding, greater trade within the Empire, and the building up of the home market is the cure for our present ills. After careful observation and consideration of the tendencies during the past week I say that I believe I have a sporting chance of winning the seat for Conservatism, even though I am the first Conservative candidate to go to the poll in the division since it was reformed in its present boundaries."

Mr. Janner's position, on Wednesday, will be influenced largely by the attitude which the Jewish voter may decide to take on the Palestine question, since the Liberal candidate is relying largely upon the support of his co-religionists.

The count will take place immediately after the close of polling on Wednesday, and the result is expected about midnight.

Major H. Graham Brooks, son of Mr. Herbert Brooks, chairman of the Essex County Council, has accepted an invitation to contest the Richmond Parliamentary borough at the next election as a United Empire Party candidate. The sitting Conservative member is Sir Newton Moore.

TO-MORROW'S CAUSE LIST

Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

1st Dvn.—At 10.30: Appl—Musammat Saraswati Bahuria v. Surajnarayan Chaudhuri and ors.

2nd Div.—At 10.30: Appl—Padamlav Acharya and anr. v. Srimatyia Fakira Debya and ors. (pt. hd.).

House of Lords.

At 10.45: Fisher or Simpson now Johnston (pauper) v. London Midland and Scottish Ry. Co. (fr. hrg.).

Court of Appeal.

Ct. I. (Master of the Rolls, Romer, L.JJ.).—At 10.30: Appl. Mtns.—Expte.—From Chan. and Prob. and Div. Dvns.).—Appeals.—From K.B. Dvn. (Interloc. List).—Winter v. Landauer and Co.; L. G. Automatic Services, Ltd., v. Oliver; Watts and Bennett v. Manning.

Ct. II. (Scrutton, Greer, and Slesser, L.JJ.).—At 10.30: Appl Mtns.—Expte.—From K.B. and Admlty. Div. —Appeals from K.B. Div. (F. and N.T List).—Sharman v. Randall (pt. hd.); Same v. Same; Hargrove v. Burn.

Court of Criminal Appeal.

L.C.J.'s CT. (Avory, Swift, and Acton, JJ.).—At 14.45: Applications.—Rex v. Stanley Carmichael; v. William Burke; v. Ralph Strickland Wood; v. Edwin Harold Averill; v. Jane Blatherwick; v. John Miller.

Chancery Division.

CT. I. (Eve, J.).—At 11: Motion (by order); Boyer v. Boyer. Wit. List, Part II.—Hartman v. Konig (acn.).

CT. III. (Clauson, J.).—At 10.30: Wit. List, Pt. I.—Pownall v. Sharpe (acn.); Simons v. Associated Furnishers, Ltd. (acn. and ctr.-claim).

CT. V. (Maugham, J.).—At 10.30: Petitions (Unopposed first).—To Wind Up.—Mead, Ltd.; House Builders' Association, Ltd.; Central Industrial Securities, Ltd.; Atlas Artificial Silk Processes, Ltd. (Manchester District Registry); C. B. and M. (Tailors), Ltd.; Browns' Dryers, Ltd.; L. B. Crout, Ltd.; Barlow Trust, Ltd.; Hunt and Kinniment, Ltd.; John Rowland and Co., Ltd.; Tourists' Self-Drive Services, Ltd.; Asbestos and Holdings Trust, Ltd.; Alfred Feldman and Co., Ltd.; E. A. Walton, Ltd.; Maison St. George, Ltd.; Alfred Lotinga (Shipping), Ltd.; Holt Son and Gill, Ltd.; Winchester Wharves, Ltd.; Park Amusements Co. (Macclesfield), Ltd.; Pearl Automatic Machines, Ltd. Not before 11.30: To Wind Up.—Solid Boot and Shoe Repairing Co., Ltd.; J. M. Newton Vitreo-Colloid (1926), Ltd.; Stylfit Shoe Co., Ltd.; Operators, Ltd.; Easyloader, Ltd.; Brookes and Crookes Ltd. (to confirm redn. of capital); Auster, Ltd. (to confirm redn. of capital); Rio de Janeiro City Improvements Co., Ltd. (to confirm altn. of objects); Paine, Rogers and Co., Ltd. (to confirm altn. of objects). Motions.—George Elliot and Co., Ltd.; Peters' Estates, Ltd. Adjd. Smnses.—Miranda, Ltd. (appln. of Liquidator—with witnesses); Symphony Gramophone and Radio Co., Ltd. (appln. of D. M. Davies (Woodwork), Ltd.—with witnesses.

CT. II. (Luxmoore, J.).—In Court (as Chmbrs.).—At 10.30: Chmbr. Smnses.—A to D.—Master Chitty.—With Counsel.—Re Blois Settlement Trust (Blois v. Blois); re Blois, dec. (Blois v. Pierrepoint); Dollond and Aitchison v. Sykes.—Without Counsel.—Re Blackett (infants).—To fol. A to D Dvn.—E to K.—Master Holland.—With Counsel.—Ingram v Patterson; re Howes, dec. (Howes v. Arnold); re Freeborn, dec. (Ives v. Welch).—To fol. E to K Dvn.—S to Z.—Master Mosse.—With Counsel.—Re Young's Trusts and re Trustee Act, 1925; re Lord Sherborne Settled Estates and re Settled Land Act, 1925; Wicks v. Stoke Newington Electric Coliseum; re Williamson, dec. (Barris v. Williamson); re W. Stuckey Wood Settlement and re Settled Land Act, 1925; re Smith Trusts and re Law of Property Act, 1925; re Walker, dec. (Watson v. Walker); re Sheard, dec. (Hirst v. Sheard); re Walton, dec. (Berry v. Walton).—Without Counsel.—Whittingham v. Samson.—To fol. S to Z Dvn.—L to R.—Master Watkin Williams.—With Counsel.—Re Ann J. Roberts, dec.—Not before 12: In Ct.—Adjd. Smns.—Re Way: Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Co. v. Way (adjd. smns. pt. hd.)

CT. IV. (Farwell, J.).—At 11: Witness List.—Pt. II.—Penge U.D.C. v. Lewisham Corpn. (acn. pt. hd.).

LORD CHANCELLOR'S CT. (Bennett, J.).—In Ct. (as Chmbrs.).—At 10.30: Chmbr. Smnses.—Chief Master Hulbert.—Without Counsel.—Re Phillips, infants; re Sumners, an infant; re Hood, an infant.—To foll. Chief Master.—A to D.—Master Ridsdale.—With Counsel.—Deakin v. Denholm.—Without Counsel.—British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., v. Zelco, Ltd.; Same v. Merrick —To foll. A to D Dvn.—E to K.—Master Keen.—With Counsel.—Re Hobbs Settlement (Dempster v. Bundy).—Without Counsel.—Re Heelas, an infant and re Trustee Act, 1925.—To foll. E to K Dvn.—L to R.—Master H. W. Jelf.—With Counsel.—Mankertz v. Richardson; re Connell, dec. (Craxford v. Treasury Solicitor); re Malloch, dec. (Williams Deacon Bank, Ltd., v. Nisco); New Process Soap, Ltd., v. Paterson.—Without Counsel.—Morris and Jones, Ltd., v. Harman; Same v. Same; re Pembury Potteries, Ltd., and re Co.'s Act, 1929; re Residential Properties Improvement Co., Ltd., and re Co.'s Act, 1929; re Same.—To foll. L to R Dvn. —S to Z.—Master Chandler.—With Counsel.—Re H. D. Sperry, an infant, and re Guardianship of Infants Act, 1925; Wiggins v. Seale; re Tresidder, dec. (Vardon v. Tresidder); re Willett, dec. (Sharpe v. Magrane).—At 3: In Ct. (as Chmbrs.).—Master Ridsdale.—Re Cope's Settlement: Cope v. Cope (pt. hd.).

Official Referee.

CT. III.—R. C. J., No. 693.—(Sir William Hansell, K.C.).—At 11: Townsends (Builders), Ltd., v. Handover; Dunville and anr. v. Wilson.

King's Bench Division.

L.C.J.'s CT. (Dvl. Ct.).—(Avory, Swift, and Acton, JJ.). —After Ct. of Criminal Appeal.—Crown Paper.—Winter v. Woolfe; Davies v. Winstanley; Kenyon v. Street; Challis v. Warrender and anr.

L.C.J.'s CT. (Avory, J.).—At 10.30: For Judgment.—Special Jury.—Harrods v. Lemon (Non-Jury by consent).

CT. VII. (Horridge, J.).—At 10.30: Special Jury.—Packshaw v. Hydrautomat.

CT. IX. (Rowlatt, J.).—At 11: To be Mentioned.—Non-Jury.—Brit. Railway Traffic and Electric Co. v. Lovell.—For Hrg.—Commcl. List.—Stewart v. Arcos.

CT. IV. (McCardie, J.) (Chmbrs. J.).—At 11: Non-Jury.—Wright v. Smith and anr.

CT. VI. (Mac-Kinnon, J.).—At 10.30: Non-Jury.—Bowmaker v. Williams.

CT. VIII. (Wright, J.).—At 10.45: Commcl. Smnses.—Attd. by Counsel.—W. A. Hooton v. W. B. Sudbury and Co.; National Bank of Australasia v. A. S. Juniper and Co.—Not attd. by Counsel.—Kayley v. Levy; D. Faibousiak and ors. v. C. E. Heath and Co.; Cognat v. Hinde and Hardy; Deydier Barmort and Co. v. Same; Stern v. J. Lucy and Sons.—Not before 11.15: Commcl. List.—Banco de Portugal v. Waterlow and Sons (pt. hd.).

To Jurors.—Special Jurors smnd. for K.B. Ct. VII. must attend in that Ct. at 10 to-morrow; Common Jurors smnd. for K.B. Ct. I. need not attend until Tuesday.

Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty.

CT. II. (The President).—At 10.30: Admiralty.—Livonia. 1929.—Folio 275: Owners of Cargo ex s.s. Livonia v. Owners of s.s. Livonia.

CT. III. (Bateson, J.).—At 10.30: Applns. to make absolute the decrees nisi in sixty-nine causes, including twenty-two cases proceeding in District Registries.—Prob. and Div. Smnses. and Motions returnable for to-morrow, will be heard on Tuesday by Mr. Justice Langton. Admiralty.—Phila. 1929.—Folio 445: Owners of s.s. Jacov Sverdlov v. owners of s.s. Phila (with Trinity Masters) (pt. hd.). Not before 2.15: Div. Smns.—specially fixed.

CT. I. (Langton, J.).—At 10.30: Short Cause Rules List.—In Chmbrs.—Admiralty.—Gleneden. 1930.—Folio 375 (Appl. for Directions).—In Court.—Dundee. 1930.—Folio 194: Owners of "Hopper Deep" v. Owners of s.s. Dundee (with Trinity Masters) (pt. hd.).

THE TRAGEDY OF AGRICULTURE.

REMEDIES THAT LIE AT HAND.

QUOTA AND STANDARD PRICES.

Describing the agricultural industry as "the great national tragedy," Mr. Montague Fordham, a member of the council of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, speaking yesterday at Northampton, said the decadence of agriculture was destroying what should be the best market for manufactured goods

Although the decay of agriculture was in its basic causes due to the insane Free Trade policy, it had reached its climax in the dumping of Russian corn. All parties were to blame. Britain was well suited from every point of view—area, climate, and the character of its men—to produce at least two-thirds of its own foodstuffs. All that was wanted was drainage, irrigation, and electricity, a spread of knowledge and a spread of manure, capital, a guaranteed market, and a fair price.

HIGH DISTRIBUTION COSTS.

"With these elements," he continued, "we could go far to feed ourselves, increase our national wealth by at least £250,000,000 a year, and find employment for over a million men."

The high cost of food to-day was not due to the cost of production, but to the cost of distribution. With distribution organised, home food could be cheap food.

The first thing was to control imports so as to give the farmer a first claim on the home market at a fair price, and buy the balance only from abroad, with preference to our colonies. This involved the quota system, which should be applied all round, and not to wheat only.

The second thing was to secure scientific organisation of distribution, and the third to reintroduce the old English policy of standard prices so as to secure for the farmer what was now called "Stabilisation at the economic price level."

"Finally, we must take the detailed direction of agricultural development out of the hands of Parliament, and put it into the hands of an independent commission with the widest possible powers."

CLERK AS "RULER OF KING'S NAVEE."

MR. ALEXANDER ON EARLY STRUGGLES.

Stories of his early life as a clerk in the service of the Somerset County Council were told yesterday by Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, when he was presented with a heavy silver tray from the townspeople of Weston-super-Mare.

Mr. Alexander said that there might be people who wanted to become Cabinet Ministers, but he hoped that they would choose some other period than the present one of world economic depression, so that their anxieties and troubles might be a little less than those of the present Cabinet.

"I was born here," said Mr. Alexander, "and I was fortunate in having a very good mother. That is the biggest asset to any young man who wants to make his way in life. In this town I burned the midnight oil, and no young man can go far without doing a bit of that. I often used to work fourteen or fifteen hours a day.

"In this town I met a great preacher, J. T. Dawson, who has been probably of more inspiration to me than any other person who has come into my life besides my own family. He changed my whole outlook with regard to citizenship, social, ethical and religious questions.

"I was married on rather less than £2 a week in Weston.

"I was not very fond of playing games but I had to play them. I remember some of my friends on the staff of the County Council insisted on my learning to swim, and when I did not learn quickly enough, they threw me in. I also learned to play football here."

Mr. Alexander's mother and wife sat with him on the platform.

SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE.

CHINA WILLING TO RESUME CONFERENCE.

NANKING, Saturday.

The exchange of Notes between the respective delegates to the interrupted Sino-Soviet Conference in Moscow continues.

Moh Teh-Hui, the Chinese representative, has now sent a reply to Karakhan's Note of a few days ago on the subject of the Chinese Eastern Railway dispute, in which he states:—

"Careful perusal reveals that what you say is due to misunderstanding, and in most cases is also irrelevant. This is especially true of your statements concerning the question of the Chinese Eastern Railway, regarding which the Chinese Government have already made declarations of a most explicit nature. Your misapprehension on this matter is therefore quite inexplicable to me.

"However, the important point at the present time is the continuation of our Conference. If you are agreeable I am prepared to resume the sittings with you immediately."—Reuter.

ELECTION WARNING.

M.P.'s ADVICE TO LONDON LABOUR PARTY.

Mr. T. E. Naylor, M.P., speaking yesterday at the annual conference of the London Labour Party, urged the importance of being prepared for a General Election at an early date.

"I am not saying that a General Election is soon to take place," he added. "It is probably further away than our opponents would wish it to be. What has to be remembered is that our opponents naturally wish to take us unawares; to lull us into a false sense of security, and then, if they can, to strangle us.

"The General Election may be deferred to another year; it may come in the twinkling of an eye. Therefore, take no chances; get ready and keep ready until the signal is given."

£20,000,000 FOR INDUSTRY.

SOCIALIST DEMAND IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

The demand of the Labour Caucus for the provision of a credit amounting to £20,000,000 for the rehabiliation of industry and for the financing of various public works and other schemes approved by the Caucus, is to be discussed on Monday at a conference between the Board of the Commonwealth Bank and the Federal Cabinet.—Reuter.

TENANT'S LOST RIGHTS.

A woman told the Willesden magistrate yesterday that her landlord needed her house, and provided her with alternative accommodation. A month later he told her she had lost her rights under the Rent Restriction Act by becoming a new tenant, and he gave her notice to quit.

The Magistrate: "I am afraid he is right. You have lost your status under the Act, and will have to go."

IDEAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

SUPPORT FOR B.M.A. SCHEME.

DOCTORS AS STATE SERVANTS.

PAID FROM NATION'S PURSE.

The National Medical Service Association, in a statement issued yesterday, endorse many of the principles of the scheme of the British Medical Association for a general medical service for the nation.

"The ideal medical service," state the Association, "would be staffed by full-time doctors who would work from medical centres. Their services would be given free to all who need them, and they would be responsible for the maintenance of health as well as the treatment of disease. They would have at their disposal:—

Specialists,
Hospitals,
Convalescent homes,
Pathological services,
Indeed, anything necessary for the prevention and cure of disease."

The association agree that the general practitioner must still remain the first line of defence.

"Unfortunately," they observe, "the public are quite incapable of assessing the real value of the medical attention they receive. They can appreciate a good bedside manner and a large, expensive motor-car, and by these the doctor is too often judged."

The importance is stressed of preventing the passing of patients to assistants and junior partners—"one of the most crying evils of the present panel system." The association say: "No doctor should be responsible for the medical care of more than a fixed number of patients, say 3,000 or 4,000 men, women, and children, unless he is prepared to undertake no other work, and give his whole time to the service. In that case again his panel must not exceed a fixed, though higher, limit."

The association look forward to the time when it will be possible to transfer medical benefit—by that is meant the provision of medical attention and treatment—from the category of insurance, and to make it a State service "removed from the jurisdiction of approved societies and similar bodies, paid for out of the common purse of the community and administered by representatives of the community."

"LADYLIKE" M.P.s.

MISS WILKINSON ON COMMONS MANNERS.

"I think we have got a very ladylike House of Commons nowadays," said Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., yesterday, discussing with an interviewer the recent "incident" in the House, when Earl Winterton was "flicked" in the face with an order paper

"These gentle manners of the men members are probably due to the good influence of the women," Miss Wilkinson continued.

"There were plenty of free fights on the floor of the House during the Irish debates a few years ago. But nowadays, instead of throwing books about and knocking people down, our well-mannered members just give them a very gentle flick with an order paper. So I think we can say that the manners of M.P.s are being improved."

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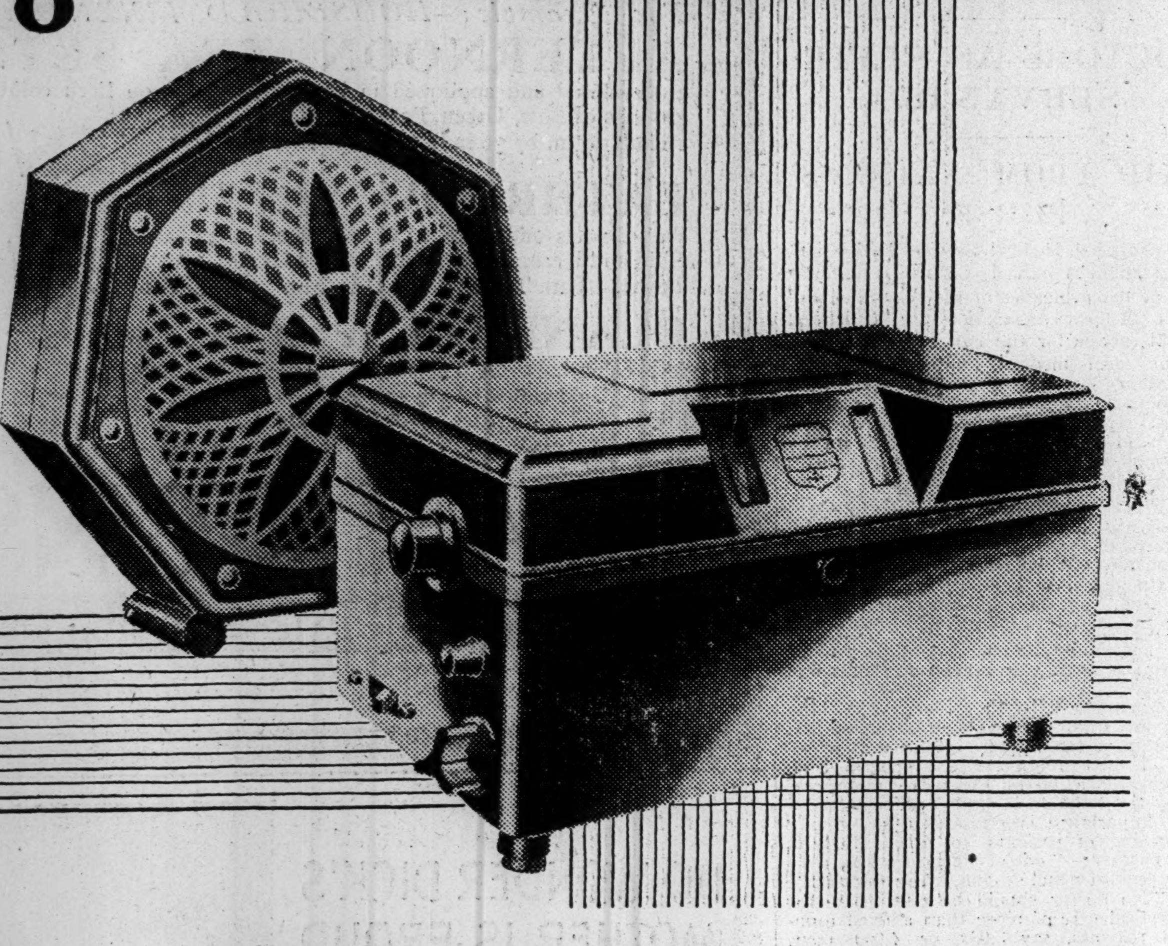

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A CENTENARY IN 1936.

LONDON UNIVERSITY CHARTER.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S HOPE.

BEGINNINGS OF GREAT SCHEME.

By OUR LONDON UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENT.

London University celebrated Foundation Day for the first time under new arrangements made by the Senate, who desired not only to dignify the celebration by combining with it the conferment of Higher Degrees, but also to dignify that ceremony itself.

In the past higher degrees have been conferred along with first degrees on Presentation Day in May. But the numbers of students obtaining first degrees on last presentation day rose to some four thousand. The bestowal of so many at one time had obvious inconveniences, and the custom was to confer the higher degrees immediately afterwards. The new plan will have the advantage both of shortening the proceedings on Presentation Day and of conferring the Higher Degrees before an assembly whose interest is undistracted.

The object of the Foundation Day function is to celebrate the grant of the original Charter in 1836, granted to the University after a confused and controversial period following on the foundation of University College and King's College, over a hundred years ago.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Scott Lidgett, dwelt in his charge mainly on the future now opening up for the University of London, registering his hope that by the first centenary of the Charter in 1936 the first instalment of the great building scheme on the Bloomsbury site will be completed, with at least the administrative headquarters established as the beginning of a great University quarter.

He referred to the new Post Graduate School for Medicine which will before long become a *fait accompli*. In this particular field, he reminded his audience that London offers unrivalled facilities, being both the centre of the Empire and the home of the great national institutions concerned with the subject.

Distinguished recipients of degrees included Sir William Beveridge (a D.Sc.) and General Sir Frederick Maurice (D.Lit.).

THE NEW GERMANY.

By the arrangement of the London County Council as part of their scheme for lectures for teachers, Dr. C. H. Becker, Prussian Minister of Education from 1921-30, and now Professor of Oriental History at Berlin, delivered two lectures at the London School of Economics, one in English on National Education and International Understanding and one in German on the Modern Training of School Teachers in Germany.

Professor Becker was identified with the educational reforms effected during the period of reconstruction in post-war Germany. His influence found expression in three developments—the establishment of new institutions for the training of teachers (Pædagogische Akademien) the extension of people's and workmen's colleges (Volkshochschulen), and active furtherance of the work of the Youth Movement. He is also the author of well-known books on the history of Egypt and Islam.

Professor Becker outlined the great changes which have occurred in Germany since the war in the theory of the training of teachers. The ideals of the new system are neither sectional nor narrow, but aim at producing in the pupil and the teacher a human being in whom the intellectual, physical, and emotional sides are developed in such a way as to be perfectly balanced.

On Wednesday evening, at University College, the Anglo-German Academic Bureau held a German evening for Professor Becker, which was attended by the German Ambassador and the Baroness von Neurath. Dr. Becker spoke on "The Part of Youth in British-German Intercourse."

DEGREES CONFERRED AT CAMBRIDGE.

THE "MONTAGUE BURTON" PROFESSORSHIP.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

At a congregation, held in the Senate House, to-day, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. A. B. Ramsay, Master of Magdalene, presiding, the following electors to the newly-created "Montague Burton" Professorship of Industrial Relations were appointed:—Mr. D. H. Robertson, Dr. McNair, Professor Barker, Mr. J. M. Keynes, Sir Josiah Stamp, Sir W. T. Layton, Professor J. H. Clapham, and Professor Pigou.

The following degrees were conferred:—

Doctors of Philosophy (by proxy).—Harry Rothwell, John's; Edmond Evelyn Watson, Gonville and Caius; (in person): Edgar Thomas Snowden Appleyard, King's; Alistair Cumming Fraser, Trinity Hall; Leonard Charles Bannister, Sidney Sussex; Barnet Woolf, Sidney Sussex.

Masters of Arts (by proxy).—William Marsden Elverston, King's; Harold Swindale Magnay, John's; Gerald Heyward Pethybridge, John's; Frank Gordon Clarke, Emmanuel; Kenneth Pemberton Wood, Emmanuel; Stanley Ernest Lord, Sidney Sussex; George Edwards Walker Downing, Francis Earle Trotman Selwyn; (in person): Edgar Thomas Snowden Appleyard, King's; Roger Chitty, King's; Douglas Rowland Holdsworth Hill, Trinity; Arthur Edward Ellard McKenzie, Trinity; Geoffrey Clarence Bonner, Pembroke; Phillip Guy Rothay Whalley, Gonville and Caius; Stuart Denton Morris, Corpus Christi; Christopher William Crouch Wheatley, Corpus Christi; Gustave Alfred Salomon, Queen's; Francis Wormald, Magdalene; Manekji Hormasji Masina, Emmanuel; Walker Kelly Carter, Sidney Sussex; Sydney Charles Blunt, Selwyn; Bernard Greaves, Selwyn.

Bachelors of Arts (by proxy).—Gerald Fitzroy, Emmanuel; (in person): Matthew Stirling, Trinity; the Hon. Roger Nathaniel Frankland, Pembroke; Frederick Henry Wellwood Moncrieff, Pembroke.

The Jeremie Septuagint Prize for 1930 has been awarded to S. F. Allison, B.A., of Jesus; and A. M. Ward, B.A., non-Collegiate, who are equal.

GOLDEN TURKEYS.

Nine years ago Mrs. W. A. Freeman, of Ardenode, Alberta, in a raffle won a pair of bronze turkeys.

To-day she has the largest turkey ranch in Canada, and this year has made out of it a profit of £2,000 from the sale of eggs, hens for breeding stock, and table birds. Mrs. Freeman expects that next year she will raise her income from turkeys to £3,000.

ROYAL PRIZE WINNERS.

The King and Prince of Wales had exhibits at the Birmingham Fat Stock Show which opened yesterday. His Majesty won the first award for "Windsor Fancy" in a strong class of Devon steers or heifers. The King also led with "Windsor Lexie" in a baby beef class of Hereford heifers. A shorthorn steer, "Royalist," bred by the Prince of Wales on his Cornwall estate, was placed third.

The King was awarded a second prize for a pen of Southdown wethers.

SCOTTISH ART EXHIBITION.

THREE GALLERIES OF OIL PAINTINGS.

MANY FINE WORKS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

EDINBURGH, Saturday.

The thirty-seventh annual exhibition of the Society of Scottish Artists, which opened to-day in Edinburgh, when the Duke of Atholl received the Lord Provost and magistrates, appeals to a wide variety of artistic interest.

The society was founded mainly for the purpose of encouraging the younger artists, who had difficulty in getting works exhibited by the Royal Scottish Academy, and it has come to occupy an important place in professional and lay interest.

Freedom of expression and handling of colour are considerably in evidence in the three galleries devoted to works in oils. This section does not by any means exhaust the range of the exhibition. In addition to 166 oil paintings there are nearly 100 water-colours, and no one will leave this gallery without being charmed by much of the work on view. The display of sculpture is large and representative, and is made notable by three pieces of Yugoslav art from the recent exhibition at the Tate Gallery, London. These are a bronze, "Walking," by Krsinic; "Madonna and Child," in black marble; and "Woman and Lute," by Mesrovic.

Most of the regular exhibitors of oil paintings are represented, and those who have adhered to conventional lines will probably find their pictures better appreciated than the few who have indulged in the more extreme forms of Modernism. Two of the ultra-modern pictures are by French artists, Modigliani, who died ten years ago at a comparatively early age, and Jean Lurcat. Modigliani's small picture is the head of a girl painted on lines that suggest Oriental influences, but it is characterised by no little charm of quality and colour. Lurcat shows a fantastic sea study, which will baffle ordinary understanding.

DIGNITY OF POSE.

Among other notable loan pictures are Alvaro Guevera's arresting portrait of Miss Sitwell, lent by the National Gallery, Millbank; Stanley Spencer's strongly designed war picture of an ambulance horse transport among the mountains in Macedonia, lent by the Imperial War Museum; and a decorative portrait of a young girl by the late Sir James Guthrie, lent by Lady Finlay. The child's sweetness of expression loses nothing by her dignity of pose and old-fashioned dress. A portrait that is interesting both for its quality and its subject is "The Right Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, P.C., M.P.," by William O. Hutchison. The portrait is full of fidelity. Many of the small pictures by members of the Society, land and seascapes, child studies, still life, and interiors, are of an intimate and appealing quality.

Women artists are prominent among the exhibitors A number of R.S.A.'s have sent forward works, and these include Cowan Dobson, David Foggie, W. M. Frazer, Robert Hope, R. B. Nisbet, S. J. Peploe, and William Walls. The president of the Society, Mr. W. Mervyn Glass, supports the exhibition with four endearing works, three of them being studies from Iona.

AUCTIONS AND ESTATES.

SUSSEX HOUSE OF TUDOR TIMES.

Combining the quiet dignity and beauty of Tudor days with modern comforts, Twitts Ghyll, Mayfield, Sussex, a beautiful sixteenth-century country house, is to be submitted to auction by Knight, Frank and Rutley for Sir Austen Chamberlain.

Perhaps the most striking features of Twitts Ghyll are the exceptionally beautifully carved Tudor archway to the sitting room, the King Posts, and the interior panels of original "wattle and daub." The solitary oast, of golden sandstone and red Sussex tiles, has a tradition clinging about it of use by smugglers. The property extends to some 9½ acres, and includes two cottages.

To-morrow, Hazeldean, Bolney, Sussex, will be offered by auction by Knight, Frank and Rutley on the premises. Three theatres or picture houses—the Grand Theatre, Lancaster; the Royal Theatre, Whitehaven; and the Hippodrome, West Hartlepool—will be submitted by the same firm at Manchester on Tuesday. At Hanover Square on Thursday they will offer the Vache estate, Chalfont St. Giles, freehold building land of 29¾ acres, and Hillingdon House Farm, Uxbridge, a freehold building estate of 130 acres. No. 50, Park Street, Mayfair, which was to be submitted on the same day, will now be offered on January 15.

Instructions have been received by Knight, Frank and Rutley to sell Papal Close, Pewsey, a freehold modern house and 12 acres bounded by the River Avon. Situated on the Norfolk and Suffolk borders, the Brandon House estate is also in their hands for sale by auction in the spring if not previously disposed of by private treaty. The sale includes the Georgian residence and its beautiful grounds and a lease of shooting over 1,760 acres.

FREEHOLD SITES.

Harrington and Sons will offer at their St. James's Square Rooms, on Tuesday, a picturesque and expensively equipped modern freehold residence, By-the-Ways, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, and well-laid-out gardens of over one acre; the lease of 18, Chesham Place, S.W.1, a house of exceptional character, facing the gardens; the lease of 8, Lowndes Mews, S.W.1; also a fine freehold building site, 29 and 29a, Abercorn Place, St. John's Wood, practically unrestricted, with 134 feet frontage and an area of 22,146 square feet and a valuable unrestricted freehold site, 3, St. James's Square, S.W.1, of 13,150 square feet, cleared for immediate development

An interesting seventeenth-century residence with old-world grounds of about three acres, Brisley Rise, Willesborough, near Ashford, Kent, has been sold by Knight, Frank and Rutley for £2,000.

Gordon Prior and Goodwin have sold the Court House estate Banstead, Surrey. The sale comprised the early Georgian residence, lodge, four cottages, garages, stabling, farmery and some fourteen acres of park-like pasture, the whole possessing long and valuable frontages to two main roads.

During the past three months Edmonds and Edmunds have disposed of a large number of properties. These include the freehold estate Worcester Court, Worcester Park, Surrey; No 19 Clifton Hill, St. John's Wood; shop premises at 2, Little Sussex Place, W.2; Nos. 17 and 17a, Southwick Street, W.2; Nos. 46 to 48a, 83 to 85a, 51 to 59a, 96 and 96a, Ormiston Road, Shepherd's Bush; Nos. 18 to 24a (inclusive), Collingbourn Road, Shepherd's Bush; the long lease of 26, Northcote Road, Clapham Junction; and (acting for the purchase of the freehold shop premises) 196a, Peckham Rye, The total sale amounted to £41,310.

POST OFFICE CLERK ACCUSED.

A Post Office clerk, Ann Elizabeth Jenkins, aged 49, was remanded at Old Street yesterday charged with attempting to obtain £3 by means of a forged Post Office Savings Bank deposit book, knowing the same to be forged.

A detective stated that when she was taken to the police-station Jenkins produced five Post Office bankbooks from her pocket.

INJURED BY CAR DOOR.

Reginald Hubbard (36), of Hazlebrook Gardens, Barkingside, was taken to Whipps Cross Hospital yesterday in a serious condition as the result of an unusual accident in Leytonstone High Road. He was cycling past a stationary motor-car when the offside door was opened and struck him, throwing him against the wheels of an omnibus.

His arm was broken and he also received concussion and shock.

NEW MOUNTED POLICE.

MR. MORRISON ON THE ROAD PATROLS.

SPEED LIMIT.

LITTLE CHANGE FROM ITS ABOLITION?

With the coming into operation to-morrow of some of the new road laws, including the dangerous and careless driving provisions, arrangements are being made throughout the country for the equipment of mobile police to ensure compliance with the requirements of the new Statute.

Normally, the mobile police will be in uniform. The driver of a motor vehicle is obliged to stop his vehicle when called upon to do so by a police officer, provided, however, that the officer is in uniform. The mobile police will, therefore, for purposes of ordinary duty be in uniform, but this will not prejudice the right of the police to wear plain clothes when in pursuit of bandits and criminals.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Minister of Transport, discussed the subject of mobile police in an interview yesterday.

"I do not believe," he said, "that the abolition of the speed limit on January 1 next will make any material difference to the speed of the traffic, but nevertheless it makes it more than ever the duty of the State and the local authorities to see that the police are adequately equipped for their task.

"A policeman equipped with motor-car or motor-cycle is in a much better position than the pedestrian policeman to supervise moving traffic. Moreover, it is an economical step, because the mobile police will be able to cover a much wider area, and they will also be able to deal with delinquents with greater ease.

"DROPPED ON" AT ANY TIME.

"The new Act emphasises the impropriety of dangerous, reckless, and careless driving, and it substantially increases the penalties. What I desired was not that there should be a mobile policeman on every mile of the highway at the same time, but that there should be a sufficiency of mobile police to make the motorist realise that he might be 'dropped on' at any time.

"It is probable that there will be round about one thousand mobile policemen, of whom two-thirds will in all likelihood use motor-cycles, and the remainder motor-cars. These vehicles, financially aided out of the Road Fund, will enable the police to deal effectively and decisively with drivers who are a positive danger to other drivers and to pedestrians.

"This kind of driver is of no use to motoring in general, and every decent motorist will share my desire that in clear cases of dangerous and reckless driving there should be prosecution, and that the magistrates will not hesitate to inflict really effective penalties. The sooner this type of driver is off the highway altogether the better it will be for the safety of the public and the popularity of motoring transport.

FRIENDLY WARNINGS.

"There will, I conceive, though this is a matter for the police authorities and the Home Office, be a second duty of the mobile police—to check minor faults and minor carelessness in driving. In this matter they will act in a friendly way, warning drivers against faults, and encouraging them to do better.

"There is no question of the mobile police pursuing their duties in a merely vindictive spirit. I have never been to America, and I cannot speak with any authority as to the practices of what are known as 'speed cops' in America. Certainly, there would be no desire on my part to cast reflections upon the police forces of our American cousins.

"But in making the new provision I have no wish that the police should act in a vindictive or bullying spirit, nor that they should, so to speak, invite or stimulate trouble among drivers. The job of the mobile police, as I conceive it, is to aim at getting order, considerateness, and decent conduct on the King's highway.

GOOD-TEMPERED POLICE.

"There will be cases where the police must be stern and prosecute with all the vigour of the law. There are other cases where the note of warning and of encouragement will be more appropriate.

"I think we know enough of the good spirit and good temper of the average British policeman to be confident that the police will rise to their new responsibilities to their excellent traditions.

"Although there is room for criticism of British motorists, my belief is that in the main they desire to do the right thing, and that they will co-operate with me and with the police in evolving a high reputation for good comradeship and good conduct in the use of the highway."

THREE TRUNKS OF OLD SILVER.

SERVANT'S MANY THEFTS.

Ethel Brookes, 38, parlourmaid, of Hugh Street, Pimlico, pleaded guilty at West London yesterday to stealing articles of linen and other property, value £58, belonging to Mrs. Christine Methvene, of Ashley Gardens, S.W., and property to the value of £50 owned by Mrs. Passmore Edwards, of Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill.

Detective-Sergeant Welsby stated that since 1926 Brookes had been engaged in robbing various employers. He had traced to a depository at Kensington three trunks which were loaded with old Georgian silver, most of which bore coronets, crests, or initials. All the owners could not be found, and Brookes told him that the articles were given her by employers who had died.

Brookes was given an excellent character as regards her work, but it was said she had a violent temper, which was the usual cause of her dismissal from different situations.

Mr. Powell, remarking that she seemed to be a dangerous person to be at large, sentenced her to six months' hard labour.

IN MAIDS' BEDROOM.

"PIECE OF CLOTH" THAT STOOD UP SUDDENLY.

Said to have been found at night in the servants' bedroom in a house in Porchester Terrace, Bayswater, George Brown, a labourer, aged 26, was charged at West London yesterday with stealing three rings and other property belonging to the maids. He was committed for trial.

Miss Ninnie Knight, the housemaid, said that at 8.30 p.m. on November 1 she found her bedroom window open. She saw what looked like a piece of cloth on the floor, and was going towards it when suddenly it moved and a man stood up. She called the parlourmaid. "We all three stood staring at one another," said Miss Knight, "Then the man rushed to the door, pushing over the parlourmaid, and disappeared." Last week she was present at an identification parade at the court and identified Brown.

Detective-sergeant Baker said that when Brown was charged he said, "How many more are they going to drag up?"

Brown was committed for trial at London Sessions.

WEDDING OF AN EX-M.P.'s SON.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE THE BRIDEGROOM.

CATHEDRAL CEREMONY

The marriage was solemnised at the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity, Guildford, yesterday, of Mr. Somerset Stopford Brooke, only son of Mr. Stopford W. W. Brooke, formerly Liberal M.P. for Bow and Bromley, of High Wethersell, Cranleigh, and Miss Marguerite Louise Thomas, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thomas, of Long Wall, Walton-on-Thames. The service was choral, and the officiating clergy were Canon E. C. Kirwan and the Rev. Cecil Welland.

The bride was attired in a dress of parchment satin with net round the lower part of the skirt, and sleeves with rings of satin. She wore a veil of old family lace adorned with a wreath of tiny orange blossom buds and myrtle and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Her ornaments were a brooch of pearls and diamonds, the gift of the bridegroom's father, and a necklace of pearls, the gift of the bride's mother.

There were five bridesmaids—the Misses Christiana Thomas, sister of the bride; Edithe Brooke, sister of the bridegroom; Olivia Stanley, Monica Fox, and Betty Rowlands. Their dresses were of golden peach satin, with coatees trimmed with fur on the neck and sleeves.

A reception was held after the ceremony at Merrow Grange Hotel, which was attended by over 500 guests, who included many of Mr. S. S. Brooke's political friends, he being the prospective Liberal candidate for the Guildford Division.

MR. CYRIL F JOHNSTON AND MISS MARY E. O'LEARY.

The marriage took place yesterday at St. Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London, of Mr. Cyril Frederick Johnston, son of the late Mr. Arthur Anderson Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, and Miss Mary Evelyn O'Leary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Evelyn O'Leary, of Sydney House, Bedford Park. The Rev. C. E. Sutton officiated, and Mr. H. King was best man.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. H. O. Serpell, in the absence, through illness, of her father, wore a gown of cream satin with a train of antique lace, and her long tulle veil was secured by orange blossoms.

Master John Norman, wearing cream satin trousers with shirt to match, carried the train, with little Miss Zenia Cox, whose frock of cream satin was worn with a bonnet of net trimmed with ruchings of net. Miss Nanette O'Leary, sister of the bride, was the only grown-up bridesmaid. Her dress of turquoise blue georgette was worn with a long sleeved coatee to match, and she had a wreath of silver leaves.

After the ceremony Mrs. O'Leary received the guests at a reception at Hans Crescent Hotel. The guests included:—

Lady Newnes, Lady King, Mrs. A. A. Johnston, Miss N. Johnston, Surgeon-Commander O'Leary, Mrs. A. P. Evelyn O'Leary, Miss O'Leary, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Pereira, Colonel and Mrs. Gavin, Miss Broneau, Miss Langford, Captain and Mrs. Vandeleur, Mr. Algernon Maudsley, Mrs. Macgregor, Mrs Cecil Harmsworth, Mr. and Mrs G. R. Norman, Mr and Mrs. Baynes.

Mrs. Du Vernet, Mrs. Leopold Spero, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tweed, Mr. and Mrs. Hilbery, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. How, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cox, Commander and Mrs. MacLeish, Captain and Mrs. Moller, Dr. Elwell, the Misses Davies, Mrs. C. Beaumont, Mrs. Barter, Mr. and Mrs. Welch, Miss Mallet, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Morris, Mrs. Yate, and Captain Healey.

The honeymoon is being spent in Paris.

LIEUT. H. C. BROWNE, R.N., AND MISS NESTA E. HITCHCOCK.

The Venerable Archdeacon Knight-Adkin, Chaplain to the Fleet, officiated yesterday at St. John's Church, Paddington, at the marriage of Lieutenant Hugh Christopher Browne, R.N., H.M.S. Iron Duke, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Browne, of Newport, Essex, to Miss Nesta Elizabeth Hitchcock, daughter of the late Mr. A. E. Hitchcock, of Taplow, Bucks, and Mrs. Hitchcock, of Cambridge Street, London, and cousin of Lord Headley. Both bridegroom and best man, Lieutenant J. T. Coney were in naval uniform. Lieutenant Browne is the Navy and Irish International Rugby footballer.

Mr. Laurence Headley, uncle of the bride, gave her away. She wore a gown of ivory satin fashioned with a long full skirt with a coatee of velvet. Old Brussels net formed her veil, which was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms with clusters of crystal flowers at each side. Miss Pauline Loly, niece of the bride, carried the train. She wore a Kate Greenaway frock of ivory satin with a wreath of yellow flowers.

Following the ceremony a small reception was held at the bride's home, and later the bride and bridegroom left for the South of England. The Hon. Imogen Grenfell and Sir Henry and Lady Kimber were among the guests.

CAPTAIN GUY W. HALLIFAX, R.N., AND MRS. MADELEINE THEED.

The Archdeacon of York officiated yesterday at All Saints' Church, Ennismore Gardens, London, at the marriage of Captain Guy W. Hallifax, R.N., eldest son of the late Rear-Admiral John S. Hallifax, and of Mrs. Hallifax, of Shawford, Hants, and Madeleine Theed, widow of Mr. Charles Theed, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Simms, of Summer Grange, Sunningdale, which took place quietly.

Mr. Clifford Simms gave his sister away. She wore a gown of sapphire blue velvet, with a hat to match, and her only attendant was Miss Doria Theed, her daughter. Captain Ronald Hallifax was best man to his brother. After the ceremony a reception was held at 59, Sloane Street, lent by Judge Hargreaves, cousin of the bride.

The honeymoon is to be spent in Algeria. The bride travelled in a costume of black satin and turquoise blue velvet, with a hat of black antelope.

MAIL AND STEAMSHIP NEWS.

THE MAILS.

ALIPORE (P. and O.) for Bombay left Kobe, 29.
ASUKA MARU (N.Y.K.) from Iloilo arrived Shanghai, 29.
AKI MARU (N.Y.K.) for Thursday Island left Brisbane, 29.
BALI (Nederland) for Java left Rangoon, 29.
CALIFORNIA (Anchor) Bombay for Liverpool left Port Said, 29.
CARNARVONSHIRE (R.M.S.P.) Vladivostock for King George V. Dock passed Gravesend, 29.
CASTALIA (Anchor) for Liverpool left Port Said, 29.
CHESHIRE (Bibby) for Rangoon left Mersey, 29.
DOMALA (B.I.) from Bombay arrived Karachi, 29.
DUCHESS OF ATHOL (Canadian Pacific) from Montreal arrived Mersey, 29.
DUCHESS OF RICHMOND (Canadian Pacific) Liverpool for St. John, N.B., arrived Belfast, 29.
FRANKENWALD (H.A.L.) Novorossisk for Surrey Commercial Dock passed Gravesend, 29.
MAGDEBURG (H.A.L.) for Hamburg left Fremantle, 29.
MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE (Nederland) Batavia for Amsterdam arrived Belawandeli, 29.
MIRZAPORE (P. and O.) Bombay for Japan arrived Singapore, 29.
MISSISSIPPI (A.T.L.) Hampton Roads for Royal Albert Dock passed Gravesend 29.
MOOLTAN (P. and O.) London for Brisbane left Sydney, 29.
ORFORD (Orient) for Brisbane left Adelaide, 29.
OTRANTO (Orient) London for Brisbane arrived Colombo, 29.
PEMBROKESHIRE (R.M.S.P.) from Vladivostock arrived Singapore, 29.
PORT CAMPBELL (C. and D.) for Sydney left Brisbane, 29.
SURADA (B.I.) from Calcutta arrived Fremantle 29.
UMKUZI (Bullard) for Dunkirk left Las Palmas, 29.
WOLFRAM (N.D.L.) for West Africa left Las Palmas, 29.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

ASCANIUS for Glasgow left Melbourne, 29.
BENRINNES from London arrived Taihoku, 29.
CITY OF BAYVILLE from Melbourne arrived Fremantle, 29.
CONCORDIA for Adelaide left Tarakan, 29.
LAMMER LAW from New York arrived Sydney, 29.
RAGUNDA for Dantzig left London, 29.
ROSANDRA from Trieste arrived Table Bay, 29.
PRESIDENT McKINLEY for Manila left Shanghai, 29.

U.S. AND WORLD COURT.

MR. HOOVER DEFIES HIS ADVISERS.

"ROOT FORMULA."

A CHALLENGE TO THE SENATE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

Mr. Hoover's decision to submit the Protocol of American adherence to the World Court to the Senate on Monday was taken against the advice of the leaders of his party.

Only three months of life remain to the present Congress, and the protracted debate threatened by the Opposition would retard the passage of Supply Bills, and, it is claimed, other important items of legislation also. This would compel the President to summon into an extra session the Congress elected on November 4, in which the Democrats and the insurgent Republicans wield the balance of power, and which, in the ordinary course, would not meet until December 1 of next year.

Mr. Hoover's sudden decision to place the burden of responsibility for delaying or rejecting America's adherence to the World Court upon the Senate has created a great stir amongst political leaders in Washington, and, while the Chief Executive himself hopes for a vote on the measure by the present Congress, the hostile forces are admittedly strong.

The opposition includes Republicans like Senator Watson, who believes that the World Court is either an open door or a back door to the League of Nations.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

I understand that drastic criticism by supporters of the Court influenced Mr. Hoover's decision to ask the Senate for prompt action.

It is now seven years since President Harding asked the Senate to adhere to the World Court. It was not till January 27, 1926, that the Senate finally ratified the same, after attaching five reservations.

It was the last reservation forbidding advisory opinions by the Court in any case in which the United States had, or claimed, an interest which encountered serious opposition from other countries, members of the World Court and of the League of Nations.

President Hoover enlisted the services of Mr. Elihu Root to draft an acceptable modification of this fifth reservation, and the resulting Root Formula (so called) now awaits approval by two-thirds of the Senate to complete American adherence.

Apparently everybody but the Irreconcilables are satisfied by the Root Formula, but the "last ditchers," charging Mr. Hoover with abandonment of the fifth reservation, will fight it to the end.

ANOTHER "DRY" U.S. EMBASSY.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The correspondent of the Associated Press in Mexico City states that, following the lead of General Dawes in London, Mr. J. Reuben Clark, junior, the new Ambassador in Mexico, announced yesterday that no liquor would be served in the Embassy during his tenure of office.

Mr. Clark presented his letters of credence to President Rubio yesterday.—Reuter.

HOUSING PUSH IN LONDON.

£21,825,000 TO BE EXPENDED.

L.C.C. PLANS FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS.

During the next five years London County Council expenditure on housing is estimated at £21,825,000. Details of the programme, issued yesterday, show that it is proposed—

To build about 28,470 new houses, and to provide about 2,100 houses and tenements for rehousing purposes in connection with clearance schemes.

It is also proposed to provide about 4,100 houses and tenements for rehousing purposes in connection with clearance and improvement areas under the Housing Act, 1930. The Council's Housing Committee hope to initiate and execute as far as possible, proposals under the Act for dealing with clearance areas covering about ninety-eight acres, with a population of about 30,500, and for dealing with a limited number of improvement areas.

This programme is provisional. It is estimated that during the five years 13,978 houses, costing £7,630,000, will be completed on the Becontree and St. Helier (Morden) estates.

SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT.

The committee state that certain sites for development as cottage estates are in view. The number of houses to be erected on these sites during the quinquennium may be taken at about 11,700. Ten sites have been acquired in or near the central areas of London for the erection of new block dwellings.

The annual expenditure is estimated as follows:—

1931	£5,000,000
1932	4,500,000
1933	4,000,000
1934	5,000,000
1935	3,325,000

The Housing Committee add: "From the information received up to the present it appears that the proposals of the metropolitan borough councils provide for dealing with a number of clearance areas, and include the provision of a total of about 9,000 new dwellings—a large proportion will probably be required for rehousing purposes—and the repair of upwards of 3,000 houses."

In Manchester's housing programme for the next five years, submitted to the Health Ministry, it is estimated that 13,500 houses will be built; 12,000 will be built by the local authority and the remainder will be built as subsidy houses or by private enterprise.

TOO COSTLY HOUSING.

WOMAN M.P.'s NOVEL ECONOMY PLAN.

Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., will recommend to Liverpool City Council this week that in view of the "excessively heavy subsidy from rates and taxes by virtue of tenants displaced by clearance schemes on costly city sites, amounting approximately to £30 per dwelling per annum for 40 years, and sometimes more, this Council is of opinion that it would be less extravagant and less likely to impede the commercial development of the city to offer such tenants new houses on the outskirts free of rent, or at nominal rents."

BUS WRECKED IN DITCH.

"NAZI" VIOLENCE.

POLICE FIRE ON REDS.

COBURG, Saturday.

When Social Democrats, issuing from a meeting here, last night, boarded motor-buses, the Hitlerites stationed outside the hall hurled beer bottles and stones at their political opponents.

One of the drivers, hit by a stone, lost control over the vehicle, which ran into a ditch and overturned with its forty passengers. Two were seriously injured, and several others suffered slight injuries.—Reuter.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Seven policemen were injured yesterday in an attack by Communists on a street procession of "Nazis" (Hitlerites) in the small town of Nowawes, near Potsdam.

The Reds bombarded the procession with stones and turned angrily upon the police when the guardians of the law intervened. The police fired several shots, wounding some of their assailants.—Reuter.

DRUGS END IN SMOKE.

CHINESE CUSTOMS' HUGE BONFIRE.

SHANGHAI, Saturday.

Accompanied by a heavily armed guard, for fear of thieves, Customs officials early this morning transported across the river the 662 lb. of heroin and 623 lb. of morphine recently seized from the steamers Col di Lana and Cracovia, for the purpose of burning the consignments.

Local Chinese and foreign officials stood for three hours watching the destruction of more than two million dollars [a Chinese dollar is worth about 2s. 8d.] worth of drugs. In addition about a quarter of a million dollars' worth of opium, representing seizures from Yangtse river vessels during the past three months, was burned.—Reuter.

[A number of seizures of heroin have been made recently by Shanghai Customs officers, all from vessels belonging to the Lloyd Trentino line. The stuff was found hidden in consignments of raisins, wax, kerosene, and other commodities.

A telegram was sent to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations by the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai informing him of the seizure of a quantity of drugs aboard the steamer Cracovia. The seizure was effected as the result of information supplied by the Secretariat of the League. It was stated that the drugs were intended for the United States, and that a secret organisation had been discovered with the object of forwarding drugs to America.]

DEATH OF U.S. BISHOP.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

The death has occurred here of Dr. Sheldon Munson Griswold, the Protestant Bishop of Chicago, aged 69.—Exchange.

Dr. Griswold, who was born at Delhi, New York, graduated at the General Theological Seminary in 1885. In the same year he became Rector of Ilion, New York. He held various pastorates until 1903, when he was consecrated Missionary Bishop of Salina. He became Bishop of Chicago in February this year.

PEER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

LORD AND LADY COCHRANE OF CULTS.

MOTHER-IN-LAW TO ATTEND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CUPAR, Saturday.

The golden wedding celebrations of Lord and Lady Cochrane of Cults, which will take place in Fifeshire on Tuesday, will be made all the more interesting by the presence of a mother-in-law, Montagu Countess of Glasgow, widow of the sixth Earl. She is now 95 years of age, and has resided for a number of years at Crawford Priory, Cupar.

Lord and Lady Cochrane were married on December 2, 1880 He was then the Hon. Thomas Cochrane, son of the Earl of Dundonald. He was in the Scots Guards, and served in the South African War. For eighteen years Mr. Cochrane was Conservative member for North Ayrshire, and became Parliamentary Private Secretary of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department. Lord Cochrane received his peerage in 1919. His brother is the present Earl of Dundonald.

Lord Cochrane, who is now 74 years of age, has made a marked success of his hobby of dairy farming. His herd at the model dairy on Hospital Mill, Springfield, represents the cream of Ayrshire stock in Scotland.

Lady Cochrane, who before her marriage was Lady Gertrude Boyle, takes a great interest in the county affairs of Fife. One of their sons, the Hon. A. D. Cochrane, commanded a submarine during the war, was three times mentioned in despatches, and awarded the D.S.O. and bar. For five years, until the last General Election, he was Conservative member for East Fife, and he intends to contest the seat again.

The Countess of Elgin is a daughter of Lord and Lady Cochrane, and the late Lady Buxton was a younger daughter.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

A CONVENIENT TOWN HOUSE.

A medium-sized town house in a quiet position just off Grosvenor Square with outlook over gardens is on offer by Folkard and Hayward. The house is modern, has three bathrooms, and all up-to-date conveniences, including passenger lift.

Colrose, Ltd., Grove Road, Northwood, have for sale a freehold residence near Northwood Railway Station.

Marylebone Circus has become an important centre in North-West London, and there are to be found a number of residential flats suited to people of moderate means who, while appreciating its nearness to Regent's Park, realise the advantage of being so close to the West End of town. Chief amongst the accommodation offered is that at Chiltern Court, adjoining Baker Street Station, where a new wing has recently been completed and is now ready for inspection. Inclusive rents range from £225 per annum.

Readers who think of making a change of residence will find important help in the anouncements, comprising almost every class of property, which appear each week in the last two pages of the SUNDAY TIMES.

"EYES" OF THE FLEET.

AEROPLANES FOR WARSHIPS.

GOVERNMENT PLAN

NEW DECK LANDING DEVICE.

By OUR AIR CORRESPONDENT.

In connection with the exclusive announcement in the SUNDAY TIMES last week of the Air Ministry order for more than 200 of the world's fastest fighting aeroplanes, Hawker-Rolls-Royce "Harts" and "Furies," it can now be stated that the Government proposes to equip every warship in the British Navy of sufficient size with its own "aerial eyes" within the next two years.

A certain number of the Hawker craft will be built with specially strengthened undercarriages for use with catapult apparatus. They will be launched from the battleships, and when their operations are completed, they will land on decks constructed over the ship's gun turrets.

At the Admiralty yesterday I was informed that extensive and successful experiments have been carried out with a cruiser. I understand that one of the first ships to be equipped will be the battle-cruiser Hood, which is at present being reconditioned. The first class of ship to be given "aerial eyes" will be the County class, followed by the small County class.

The actual number of ships to be equipped cannot yet be stated, but I understand that twenty or thirty machines have been provisionally ordered for Fleet co-operation. Special provision is being made on the decks for preventing machines from over-running the landing space, and the Air Ministry are understood to have perfected a secret device for checking the forward speed of the aeroplane when it strikes the deck.

FEW RECRUITS FOR NURSING.

INQUIRY INTO SHORTAGE.

The shortage of hospital nurses and the difficulties of recruitment for the profession are to be considered by a committee convened by the "Lancet," over which Lord Crawford and Balcarres will preside.

Although the larger general hospitals may not find difficulty in maintaining the strength of their nursing staffs, there is an undoubted shortage of probationers of the right type and of the necessary standard of education. The committee will consider how far conditions of service and pay are responsible for the dearth of suitable recruits.

Any organisation or individual wishing to provide evidence for the commission to consider, or to make proposals relating to the improvement of conditions of service of the nursing profession, is asked to communicate with the Hon. Secretary at the "Lancet" offices, 7, Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.

DUEL ENDS WITH FISTICUFFS.

SABRES DISCARDED.

HUNGARIAN COUNTS UNRECONCILED.

Duels are somewhat rare even on the Continent nowadays, but they do take place occasionally, as a recent affair in Budapest shows.

An elderly count and another count, aged 25, met with sabres as the chosen weapon, because the elder man considered himself insulted by some remarks the younger nobleman had made about him.

The duel, however, took an unusual turn, for both combatants, after crossing their swords, threw them aside and went for one another with their fists, much to the horror (says Reuter) of the seconds, who, after some time, persuaded them to fight "like gentlemen" with their sabres—only for a short while, however, when the bout of fisticuffs was renewed.

Finally the duel had to be broken off because it was found that the young count had a pulse temperature which rendered a continuance of the fight dangerous. The opponents left the field unreconciled.

THE PRINCE AND BRAZIL VISIT.

TEN DAYS' STAY.

The SUNDAY TIMES understands that when the Prince of Wales visits Brazil next March he will spend about ten days in the country.

A visit to Brazil was, in fact, contemplated at the outset of the proposed trip to South America, but since that time the control of internal affairs in the country has changed hands. The new régime is as anxious as the old that he should be their guest, and it was to renew the invitation that the Brazilian Ambassador (Senhor Regis de Oliviera) was received at St. James's Palace a few days ago.

The Prince of Wales, who will be accompanied by Prince George, will sail from Liverpool on January 15, and visits to Bermuda (January 27), Havana (January 31), and Jamaica (February 3) will be paid on the outward journey. According to the tentative programme which has been drawn up, but which will be subject to alteration, the Oropesa, in which the Prince will sail, will pass through the Panama Canal on or about February 5, and the Prince and his party will pay visits to the Talara and Lobitos oil-fields, both of which are British controlled, rejoining the ship at Payta.

Two or three days are to be spent in Lima, and later, stops will be made at Cuzco and La Paz before arriving in Chile. Santiago will be reached about February 21, and the Princes will then make their way in convenient stages overland to Argentina, entering this country by Lake Nahuelhuapi. This will enable the Prince to pay several private visits in Argentina before he reaches Buenos Aires to open the exhibition there on March 14.

Their Royal Highnesses expect to sail for Brazil on March 21, and reach home about the middle of April.

DISTRESS SIGNALS MYSTERY.

Having been warned by a Japanese steamer that a vessel in Prince's Channel was sending out distress signals by means of flares, the Margate lifeboat and the pilot tug Thanet Queen spent four hours in a fruitless search for a vessel in difficulties. It is believed that the Japanese crew must have seen the flames which destroyed a bungalow at Herne Bay.

UNITED AFTER FIFTY YEARS.

ORPHANS MEET AGAIN

SISTERS' SEARCH FOR LOST BROTHER

IN TWO CONTINENTS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

Two sisters and a brother, who, separated as infant orphans fifty years ago, sought each other in two continents, were reunited here to-day when the liner Duchess of Athol arrived from Canada.

As soon as the vessel berthed a gray-haired man, Mr. William O'Toole, of West Kirby, made his way on board, and in a stateroom on the main deck was received by the sisters from whom he was parted half a century ago.

As little children, aged 7 and 3 years and a few months respectively, the three were left orphans in Liverpool The two girls were adopted by families in New York and Montreal, and the baby boy was cared for by a local institution.

By intensive advertising the sisters came together when one had become heiress to the estate of her foster parents, and the other was comfortably placed Then they embarked in joint efforts to trace their brother. American lawyers, commissioned to carry out a search in two continents, appointed a Liverpool solicitor to make the investigations in Great Britain, and his efforts were successful.

SAFETY IN MINES.

"USE MORE STEEL" SLOGAN

Presiding yesterday at a conference in Newcastle on safety in mines, Mr. Tom Smith, M.P., Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Mines, said there was one point upon which both sides in the industry were unanimous, and that was the prevention of loss of life in mines.

Sir Henry Walker, Chief Inspector of Mines, said the best means of increasing safety lay in education and discipline. By educating everybody to a knowledge of the dangers of mines many accidents could be avoided and mines made safer.

Referring to accidents caused by falls, he said he did not believe in slogans, but there was one he would like to see. That was "Use more steel." He said steel should be used for props, straps, and girders.

A KNOCK-OUT.

WELL-KNOWN BOXER IN GLIDER CRASH.

ORLANDO (FLORIDA), Saturday.

W. L. ("Young") Stribling, on his first glider flight here yesterday, came to grief at the bottom of a lake.

As the glider, which he had borrowed, struck the water, Stribling was catapulted out.

The physicians who had Stribling under their care stated last night that the boxer was little the worse for his experience.—Reuter.

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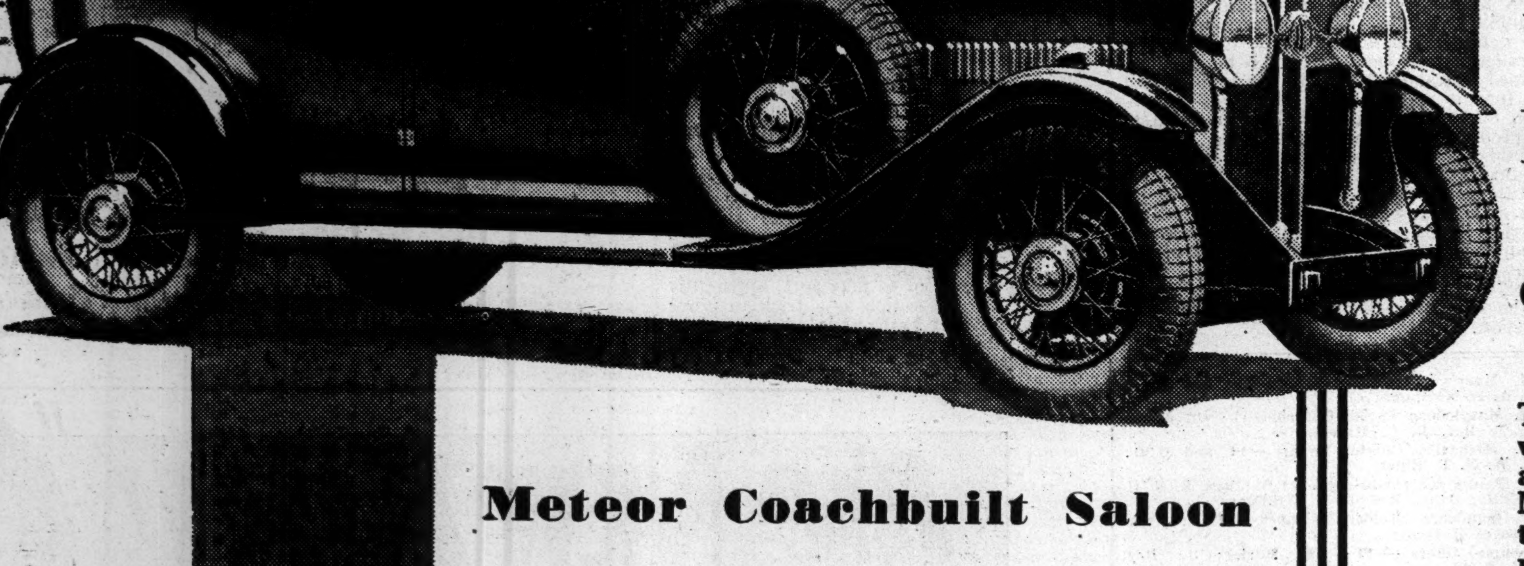

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ST. ANDREW'S DAY AT ETON.

TEAMS IN THE GREAT WALL GAME.

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WINDSOR, Saturday.

St. Andrew's Day will be observed at Eton on Monday, as the festival falls to-morrow. Many Old Etonians will be present at the customary football matches. The playing-fields are in a heavy state following the recent rains.

The chief event will be the Wall Game between Collegers and Oppidans. It is due to begin at 11.55, and to finish at 1 o'clock. Viscount Elveden, son of the Earl of Iveagh, is keeper of the Oppidans wall, and L. D. Rawnsley keeper of the College wall. It is more than twenty years since a goal were scored in this annual match.

The programme for the day is:—

9.15.—Chapel.
10.15.—Final of Lower Boy Football Cup.
11.45.—Absence.
11.55.—Collegers v. Oppidans.
1.30.—Boys' dinner.
2.30.—Oxford Old Etonians v. Cambridge Old Etonians.
5.0.—Choral Evensong in chapel.

WALL GAME CONTESTANTS.

The following are the teams in the Wall Game:—

COLLEGERS.—A. K. J. Milne, P. C. Blundell, W. S. Mitchell, K. N. H. Thomson, R. A. McNeile, L. D. Rawnsley, G. O. J. Stevens, R. A. Baring, M. A. C. Noble, J. F. Brown, and T. B. Shaughnessy.

OPPIDANS.—Viscount Elveden, C. H. Villiers, G. Thorne, A. C. Cropper, G. Cox, M. S. Gosling, J. N. Hogg, J. H. Lane-Fox, J. C. Atkinson Clark, R. C. Watson, and W. M. Haseltine.

To date the Oppidans have won 31 matches, the Collegers 29, and 29 have been drawn.

The Oxford and Cambridge Old Etonians' teams will be as follows:—

OXFORD.—A. R. C. Southby, P. H. Gore-Booth, C. V. Watson Gandy, J. E. O. Rich, P. H. A. Brownrigg J de P. Whittaker, G. A. Best, W. D. C. Erskine Crum, Lord Dalmeny, Viscount Dunluce, and L. Clive.

CAMBRIDGE.—E. R. Sheepshanks, Sir A. M. S. Bethune, F. J. R. Coleridge, A. G. Hazlerigg, C. E. W. Sheepshanks. H. M. Shepherd-Cross, J. M. G. Griffith Jones, H. D. Cuthbert, F. A. A. Instone, E. J. B. Nelson, and P. J. B. Perkins.

To date Cambridge have won 26 matches, Oxford 24, and 13 have been drawn.

The sides in the Lower Boy House Cup Final are Mr. A. W. Whitworth's and Mr. R. A. Young's.

During the day there will be an exhibition of photographs taken by members of the school in Upper School, and an exhibition of boys' work done during the past year in the drawing school.

BLAZING CARAVAN DEATH.

MAN'S BODY FOUND ON STOVE.

An inquest was held at Westerham Hill, Kent, yesterday, on the body of Mr. William Drage (64), whose charred body was found on Friday in the caravan in which he slept in the garden of his bungalow.

Arthur Robert Seyforth, an adopted son of Drage, said Drage, who was subject to epileptic fits, had been sleeping in the caravan for the past eight weeks. It was heated by a cooking stove. At 11.45 on Thursday night he was awakened by Mrs. Drage.

"I called out Mr. Drage's name four or five times," said Seaforth, "but could get no reply. I could not get near the caravan because of the flames, and so I went for the police. We did our best with fire buckets, but everything was burnt. Drage's body was found resting on the stove, which was red hot. It appeared that Drage had fallen on the stove. He might have been stirring the fire with a poker, had a fit, and fallen over it."

Dr. Eleanor Taylor Pengelly said the body was completely charred and unrecognisable. Death was compatible with upsetting paraffin oil, which would envelop him very quickly.

The jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

STOLE FOR HER LOVER.

STORY OF ERRAND BOY'S POSE AS MOTOR SALESMAN.

A domestic servant, Marie Yvonne Pulham, aged 25, of Mottingham Lane, Mottingham, S.E., was bound over at Bromley Police Court yesterday on a charge of stealing a leather handbag from a private hotel at Chislehurst, where she was formerly employed.

When arrested she said, "I did it for my baby."

A detective-sergeant stated that Pulham, who earned £1 a week, was paying a foster mother 12s. 6d. a week for her child. Recently she had been keeping company with a young man who pretended he was a motor salesman, but was really a greengrocer's errand boy earning 15s. a week. This young man had been receiving money from the girl, and she went to the hotel hoping to borrow some more to give him, but saw the handbag and succumbed to temptation. There was only a threepenny piece in the handbag.

LIGHT WINES AND BEER.

COMPROMISE TALK IN "DRY" U.S.A.

SECRET INQUIRY IN PROGRESS.

ISSUES IN 1932 FIGHT FOR PRESIDENCY.

As a result of the recent Congressional elections, Prohibition is fast effacing all other questions from the United States political arena, and all eyes are now focussed upon the preparations for a "Wet" drive on an unprecedented scale. The three points of interest in the Prohibition fight are:—

1. President Hoover's Law Enforcement Commission, headed by Mr. Wickersham, which is carrying on in secret deliberations its investigations of various proposals for changes in the "Dry" laws.

2. The intensified activity in the "Wet" Democrat camp in preparation for the 1932 Presidential election, which is expected to be fought out bitterly on the Prohibition question.

3. The threatened split in the ranks of the Republican Party over the Prohibition question, and the possibility of a challenge to the "Wet" leaders of the Democratic Party by southern and western "Dry" Democrats.

Though the ultimate fight in the 1932 Presidential election is expected to boil down to the question of keeping or repealing the eighteenth Amendment, upon which all Prohibition legislation rests, the Wickersham Law Enforcement Commission is expected to play a big part in this battle, says the Washington correspondent of the British United Press.

NEED FOR REVISION.

Mr. George Wickersham, the Chairman of the Commission, is therefore hastening slowly in preparing the Commission's report to Congress wishing to avoid minority reports. Some elucidation of the progress of the Commission is expected to be gleaned when Congress meets early in December, but it is not possible to predict whether their final report will then be ready.

It is considered highly important, however, that the Commission is studying the Prohibition question from every possible angle, and some of the proposals which have been scrutinised indicate that some of the eleven members of the Commission at least have been convinced that the present Prohibition Laws of the United States are unsatisfactory and should be revised.

Behind locked doors the Commission is pressing steadily on towards its final report. Modification of the Prohibition Laws to permit light wines and four-per-cent. beer is one proposal that has received considerable attention, and the Commission has also studied the Canadian and Swedish Government liquor control systems.

REPEAL ADVOCATE'S OPTIMISM.

Meanwhile, the "Wets" in Congress continue to exult over what they regard as the strengthening of their cause by the recent elections "We can safely tell our people that light wines and beer are not far in the offing," Mr. Linthicum, the Democratic leader of the "Wet Bloc" in the House of Representatives, has proclaimed with confidence.

He declares his belief that a Bill providing for the legalisation of light wines and beer could be put through the United States House of Representatives in the new Congress which convenes a year from December, and expresses confidence that the following Congress, two years later, would vote for repeal. If Mr. Linthicum's optimism proved justified, it would be the first time that the United States has repealed a section of its Constitution.

The control of the Democratic Party nationally is now in the hands of the "Wet" group favouring absolute repeal of the 18th Amendment. They, however, have something to fear from a challenge from southern and western "Dry" Democrats, who, while they no longer control the Party's national machinery, hold enormous power of veto under the rule of the Democratic National Conventions calling for a two-thirds vote. The anti-Prohibitionists believe, however, that they can prevail upon the insurgents not to wreck the Party unity.

REPUBLICAN POSITION.

Republicans are faced with a more serious problem, which has been thrown into relief by a recent statement of Senator Fess, a Republican leader, that his Party would be the definite Prohibition Party in the 1932 Presidential election. Though he has explained that he spoke only for himself and not for the whole Party, other high Republican leaders, it is learned, have objected to his pronouncement, and a few of the "Wet" Republicans have even begun to demand his resignation.

Hitherto successful in keeping the Prohibition issue localised, the Republicans are now worried by its rapid spread. This Party is dominated by those opposed to repeal of the 18th Amendment, and Senator Fess fears that "Dry" insurgents may desert its ranks if the Party weakens on the Prohibition question.

NO IMMEDIATE RAIL CRISIS.

NEGOTIATIONS YET TO COME.

PROCEDURE OF WAGE BOARDS.

In spite of somewhat alarming statements made by trade union leaders, there will, it is understood, be no immediate crisis on the railways in regard to the companies' proposals for a wage reduction.

The three railway unions are agreed in rejecting emphatically the companies' claim, and they have all submitted counter-proposals with the object of improving the position of lower-paid members and remedying certain grievances. The unions are countering the companies' proposals by statistics based on the financial returns of the companies and the amount available for dividends.

There is, it is believed, no possibility of the existing disagreement developing into a strike before Christmas. Certain negotiating machinery has to be observed, and both the companies and the unions are prepared to allow the normal course to be followed. This means that the companies' proposals and the programmes submitted by the unions will in due course be placed before the Central Wages Board. On this tribunal the two sides have equal representation, and "failure to agree" is a foregone conclusion.

The next step will be an appeal to the National Wages Board, which sits in public and has on it, not only representatives of the companies and the unions, but of outside bodies including trade and commerce organisations and the T.U.C. This hearing can hardly take place before the beginning of January. The companies and the unions will then have to decide whether they will accept the findings of the board. There is no legal obligation to do so, but so far neither side has rejected its award.

GASOMETER FIRE.

SHOWER OF BLAZING TAR.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

SHEFFIELD, Saturday.

Fire broke out early this afternoon at one of the five gasometers at the Neepsend manufacturing station of the Sheffield Gas Company. It started in a lamp shed, which was burned down, and dense volumes of black smoke and ashes and showers of burning tar from the side of the gasometer spread all over the district.

Thousands of people watched the fire from the high grounds surrounding the works. Fears were entertained that the fire might spread to the other four gasometers, and people living near left their homes as a precautionary measure.

The fire was extinguished in about a couple of hours, but the firemen continued for some time to play four jets on an adjoining gasometer, which had become heated. No one was injured.

REFUSED INSULIN.

MAN WHO "MIGHT HAVE BEEN ALIVE TO-DAY."

Giving evidence at a City inquest yesterday on Alfred Dickes, 53, a civil servant, who was found dying in Montague Court Little Britain, E.C., where he lived alone, Dr. MacNenemey, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, said that if the man had had insulin treatment for diabetes he would probably be alive to-day.

The Coroner (Dr. F. J. Waldo) said insulin was one of the most wonderful discoveries made for centuries.

Mr. Ernest W. Dickes, of Oxford Road, Manchester, said his brother was always afraid to start the treatment, but he thought he would have done so had he known he was in such a serious condition.

Dr. MacNenemey said insulin did not suit everyone, and some people objected to it because it meant two needle injections a day for life. Mr. Dickes was advised to have it when he previously attended hospital, but refused.

A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.

PALESTINE PRESS LAW.

ARABS REJECT JEWISH PROPOSAL.

JERUSALEM, Saturday.

Following the suspension of the Hebrew daily paper, "Doar Hayom," and the Arab daily, "Falastin," both of which have since been allowed to reappear, the editor of the "Hayom" has endeavoured to call a joint Arab and Jewish Journalists' Congress to discuss the Government Press restrictions and the proposed new Press Law.

While the representatives of "Falastin" were agreeable to the suggestion, the other Arab papers refused to take part, apparently regarding the suggestion as a trick to prove to the world that Arabs and Jews are united to oppose the Palestine Government and the new policy.—Reuter.

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Dress Silk Socks, with cashmere feet	10/6

Ideas up to £1

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Lustre Mufflers, white or coloured stripe	15/6, 18/6
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St. Paul's Cathedral.—10.30: The Dean; 3.15: Canon O. C. Quick; 7: Rev. E. D. Merritt.

Westminster Abbey.—10.15: Rev. L. H. Nixon; 3: Canon F. Donaldson; 6.30: The Bishop of London.

Southwark Cathedral.—11: Rev. W. R. Foster; 6.30: Canon J. B. Haldane.

Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace.—11.15: Rev. H. S. Wood.

Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks—11: Rev. H. G. Marshall; 6.30: Rev. R. G. Northcott.

Chapel of the Savoy.—11.15 and 6: Rev. H. B. Chapman.

All Hallows, Barking by the Tower.—11: Rev. P. B. Clayton; 6.30: Rev. L. G. Appleton.

All Saints, Margaret Street.—11.15: Rev. L. Gage-Brown; 5.30: E.; 8: Broadcast Service, Preb. H. F. B Mackay.

St. Margaret's, Westminster.—11: Canon Carnegie; 7: Rev. E. Jervis.

Christ Church, Albany Street.—11: Rev. R. S. Swann-Mason; 12: Parade Service Royal Horse Guards; 6.30: Rev. D. H. Owen.

Christ Church, Down Street.—11 and 6.30: Dr. Farran.

Christ Church, St Marylebone, Cosway Street.—11: Rev. W. A. Potter; 6.30: "The Messiah" (selection).

Christ Church, Victoria Street.—11 and 6.30: Rev. P. T. R. Kirk.

Holy Trinity, Sloane Street.—11.15: Rev. C. Cheshire; 3: Dr. Dearmer; 6.30: Rev. C. Sampson.

Holy Trinity, Paddington.—11: Canon F. W. Mervyn; 6.30: Rev. J. M Vallance.

Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield.—11: Address by Mr. Leach, K.C.; 6.30: Musical Service.

St. Anne's, Soho.—11.30: Rev. W. H. Braine; 6.30: Rev. B. G. Bourchier.

St. Ethelburga the Virgin, Bishopsgate, E.C.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Geikie-Cobb.

St. George's, Hanover Square.—11: Archdeacon of Middlesex; 6.30: Rev. E. C. Opie.

St. James's, Piccadilly.—11: Ven. C. E. Lambert; 6.15: Rev. A. L. Giles.

City Temple, Holborn Viaduct.—11 and 7: Dr. Norwood.

Westminster Congregational Church, Buckingham Gate, S.W.—11 and 7: Rev. H. L. Simpson.

Wesley's Chapel, City Road.—11: Rear-Admiral W. J. Anstey; 6.30: Mr. Stanley Newton.

St. John's, Regent's Park.—11: Rev. T. G. B. Kay; 6.30: Rev. E. J. Dent.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.—11.30: M.P.; 11.30: Service for Young People (crypt); 3.30: Young People's service; 6.15: Rev. H. Anson; 7.15: Mr. F. Whelan ("The League of Nations").

St. Mary's, Bourdon Street.—11: Rev. W. J. B. Scott; 3: Rev. E. C. Opie; 6.30: Rev. G. H. Colbeck.

St. Mary's, Bryanston Square.—11 and 6.30: Rev. A. E. N. Simms.

St. Marylebone Parish Church.—11: Dr. Morrison; 7: Rev. R. C. Mirrell.

St. Michael's, Chester Square.—11 and 6.30: Rev. W. H. E Elliott.

St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.—11.15: Rev. E. K. C Hamilton; 6.30: Rev. L. F. Williams.

St. Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct.—11.15: Archdeacon of Bedford.

Temple Church.—11: The Master; 3: Rev. R. F. Rynd.

Gray's Inn Chapel.—11.15: Canon W. R. Matthews.

Brompton Parish Church.—11: Preb. Gough; 6.30: Service of Music.

St. Mark's, North Audley Street.—11: Rev. W. G. Pennyman; 6.30: Rev. E. Barnes.

Kew Parish Church.—11: Rev. A. M. Dolphin; 6.30: Rev. N. Johnston.

Westminster Cathedral.—10.30: H.M.; 12: L.M. and Sermon: Rev. G. Nicholson; 3.15: Vesp. and Ben.; Comp., Sermon and Ben., Rt. Rev. Mgr. Can. M Howlett.

The Oratory, South Kensington.—10.45: H.M.; 7: Night Service.

Church of the Jesuit Fathers, Farm Street.—10.50: H.M.; 12: L.M.. Rev. F. J. Colchester; 3.30: Rev. F. C. Devas.

Scottish National Church, Crown Court, Covent Garden.—11: Rev G. A. Stalker; 6.30: Rev I. R. Gillan.

St. Columba's (Church of Scotland), Pont Street, S.W.—11: Very Rev. Dr. J. H. Miller; 6.30: Dr. A. Fleming.

Regent Square Presbyterian Church, W.C.—11 and 7: Rev. G. T. Bellhouse.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Allen Street, Kensington.—11: Rev. W. P. Boyes; 6.30: Rev. W. D. Maxwell.

St. John's Wood Presbyterian Church.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Alexander.

Marylebone Presbyterian Church.—11 and 7: Rev. J. Golder Burns, B.D.

Brixton Independent Church.—11 and 6.45: Rev. A. Hird.

Central Hall, Westminster.—11 and 7: Rev. D. T. Young; 3.30: Mrs. Owen Thompson.

Kingsway Hall.—11 and 7: Rev. I. G. Goldhawk; 3.30: Rev. L. F. Church.

Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road.—11 and 7: Rev. F. Thompson.

Guildhouse, Eccleston Square, S.W.1: 3.30: Lantern lecture, Mr. F. J. Melville; 6.30: Prof. P. Dearmer.

Theistic Church, Æolian Hall 133, New Bond Street.—11 a.m.: Rev. J. Tyssul Davis. Subject: "An Airman's Religion."

Spiritualist Community, Grotrian Hall, 115, Wigmore Street, W.—11: Mr. Horace Leaf; Clairvoyant, Mr. Horace Leaf; 6.30: Mrs. St. Clair Stobart; Clairvoyant, Mr T. E. Austin.

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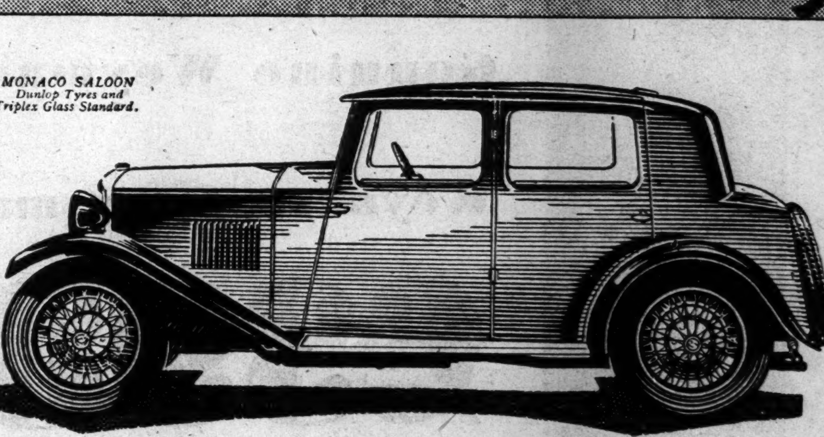

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LONDON CLUBS WORSTED BY PROVINCIAL SIDES.

BLACKHEATH OUTPLAYED—BART'S AND GUY'S FAIL.

RICHMOND'S GREAT REVIVAL.

London club sides generally put up a poor show yesterday in difficult conditions, and had the worst of the several matches with country sides. As Cambridge University, in their last Saturday game before the inter-Varsity match, beat the Taylors, London had a poor day.

Birkenhead Park won again in their second successive visit to London, this time just getting the better of the London Scottish, while Cardiff overwhelmed Blackheath at Cardiff. The Harlequins, as expected, paid the full penalty of fielding an unrepresentative side at Newport. Bart's were defeated at Devonport, and Guy's fell at Northampton.

A notable feature of the results was the great victory recorded by Richmond over the Old Paulines. Rosslyn Park ran the London Welsh very closely, but were just beaten in the end.

A factor in Bristol's emphatic win over the United Services, Portsmouth, was the scoring of four tries in succession by Lillicrap, while in the stern game at Gloucester, Swansea scrambled home by a point.

In the Irish trial match, Munster got the better of Ulster by ten points to eight. Coventry mastered their Nuneaton neighbours, and Moseley accounted for Nottingham, while in the West Country battle Barnstaple overcame the Albion.

CAMBRIDGE HARD PRESSED.

PROMISING O.M.T. FULL-BACK.

By D. R. GENT.

O.M.T.'s 3 pts., Cambridge University 11.

For this match Cambridge had out what I should imagine would be their side against Oxford. With it they beat the Old Merchant Taylors by a goal and two tries to a goal from a mark, and they did not deserve to win by a point more.

At first this must look a little disappointing to the many admirers of the Light Blues, who have been accustomed to read of their side's victories by thirty points or so. But these "Taylors" are mighty difficult people to beat—and especially at Teddington. In this match their tactics were obvious: they were out to stop this spectacular Cambridge side by getting well up on their men and putting them off their game. Then their own attacking was spasmodic in nature—and the tactics paid admirably, with the result that Cambridge found it frightfully difficult to score.

This fact could not be said in extenuation of Cambridge's comparatively narrow win; there were a couple of decided weaknesses that the Cambridge skipper will doubtless look into. P. W. Brook and G. M. Greenwood are capital wingers, but there are three or four others in the pack who think they, too, can play the same game. The result is that when the ball comes out on the Cambridge side, long before F. W. Simpson can get the ball away the forwards have broken up, and there is a regular confusion at the back of the scrum, and the ball gets lost. No scrum-half can do his job under these circumstances, and the whole of the backs must suffer.

The other fault is the bad alignment of the backs; they are all over the place. They will get their tries, no doubt, but more from individual dashes and forward support than from conventional back play. Both their faults were very pronounced in this match.

It was quite an enjoyable game, despite these faults, for there was plenty of hard tackling, and, as my readers know by now, I think any game in which that occurs is enjoyable to me. I have never seen J. L. Phillips, the Cambridge centre, play better. I liked his play very much. He takes the ball well (and needs to, for Simpson is rather wild), and has resource. J. A. Tallent was good in the centre, too. It was a beautiful opening of his that led to G. M. Greenwood's try, and he made at least one more that deserved a score. Of the forwards I again liked the whole-heartedness of the captain, J. A. Embleton, and the general play of P. W. Brook, G. M. Greenwood, and C. H. Williams. But the machinery never moved well, which, perhaps at this distance from the Varsity match, is no bad thing.

A Splendid Fight.

The Taylors deserve nearly full marks for the splendid fight they put up. It was most enjoyable to watch them—everyone a trier. Perhaps D. M. Parry, at full-back, G. E. Duncombe and R. G. Turnbull, in the three-quarter line, H. D. Heck at half, and P. O. Edwards and R. F. Tebbutt were as good as any. But they can all feel pleased to have shaken up a side that is used to winning by three times the score they got. I think Parry deserves the best credit of the lot ... J. C. Askew at Cambridge occasionally. Well, Askew ... Turnbull ... has been delighted with the way ... He may well go a very long way ... He has many of the other attributes of an international wing.

There was quite a large crowd present at Teddington yesterday to see Cambridge play their last game in London before the Varsity match. The weather was dull, but it was not raining, and conditions were in the way that one would like for a Rugger match. Cambridge started attacking quite early, Smeddle running inside and passing when it might have been better to have kicked to touch for safety. The ball reached Tanner ... By good forward play the Taylors worked their way back to the half-way line.

There Cambridge tried to open out, but Collison was very well tackled by Bywater, and the ball getting loose, Cambridge were forced back behind their own line ... between Askew and Parry ... the dead-ball line. The Taylors were pressing, and a splendid tackle of Smeddle by Turnbull helped considerably. With Cambridge penalised in a possible position, Tebbutt took a shot at goal, but his kick failed.

Careless passing in front of their own posts by Cambridge saw Barcombe intercept, and the Taylors all but scored, a forward pass just robbing them of a try. Brook tried a burst on his own, and he was brought down before he reached the half-way line.

Cambridge then had a very good chance ... The passing, though, was excitable, and the ball never looked like reaching the wing. It went loose ... in the Cambridge 25. A wild kick by a Cambridge back ... dropped a capital goal after about twenty minutes' play.

Cambridge ... equalising almost at once, but Askew missed a shot at goal. Still, ... pretty opening by Phillips, and some neat passing gave Tanner a try in the corner. Askew failed with the kick.

After this we had over ten minutes of extremely dull football. Tallent and Tanner ... being pushed over the touch-line, and from the line-out ... the game almost to the other end of the field. There was ... when the whistle went for half-time ...

The Second Half.

Good play by Duncombe marked the opening of the second half, a fine run and a good tackle of Phillips helping his side materially. After this, Turnbull was prominent with a dashing run and short kick ahead. Askew got back. But Turnbull was unable to gather the ball and it rolled into touch. Later, and not for the first time in the match, Askew relieved his three-quarters a good deal by joining in passing movements ...

... The scorers of the two tries that Cambridge got this half were Collison, who made a very clever run indeed, ... almost any defence, and Greenwood, who ... Askew converted one of the tries. Teams:—

OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS.—D. M. Parry, back; G. E. Duncombe, R. G. Turnbull, G. E. Barcombe, L. Bywater, and W. R. Spragg, three-quarter backs; H. D. Heck and J. E. Dobbie, half-backs; T. G. Blunson, F. W. English, J. C. Arnold, W. N. Devonshire, E. M. Wilkins, E. F. Andrews, R. F. Tebbutt, and P. O. Edwards, forwards.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—J. G. Askew (Durham and Emmanuel), back; G. W. Smeddle (Durham and St. Catharine's), L. H. Collison (Mill Hill and St. John's), J. A. Tallent (Sherborne and Clare), and C. C. Tanner (Cheltenham and Pembroke), three-quarter backs; F. W. Simpson (... and Trinity Hall), and J. L. Phillips, half-backs; J. A. Embleton (St. Paul's and Clare), P. W. Brook (... and Emmanuel), ... G. M. Greenwood (... and Emmanuel), C. H. Williams (Bishop's Stortford and St. Catharine's), R. B. Ramsey (Harrow and Trinity Hall), and J. G. Watherston (Sedbergh and Corpus Christi), forwards.

Referee: Mr. B. S. Cumberlege.

BLACKHEATH CRUMPLE UP

DEFENCE RIDDLED BY CARDIFF.

Cardiff 25 pts., Blackheath 0.

Cardiff beat Blackheath at Cardiff in the presence of 5,000.

The opening exchanges were very fast. Emrys Jenkins made a fine opening for G. Jones to score a try and five points for Cardiff, while N. Fender increased Cardiff's lead two minutes later. Subsequently Blackheath attacked, and C. C. Bishop went very near with a solo effort, but Graham Jones cut across in time. Both lines had narrow escapes, and there was little to choose between the backs.

Blackheath resumed without J. B. Worley, who sustained an injury before the interval. The Cardiff backs combined cleverly ... Emrys Jenkins, easily the cleverest back on the field, made good openings for V. R. Turnbull to score a try which R. Stone converted. Cardiff thoroughly outplayed their opponents in the last ten minutes, and tries were scored by R. Barrell, Emrys Jenkins, and G. N. Jones, the last being converted by Stone.

BRILLIANT BRISTOL.

LILLICRAP'S FOUR TRIES IN SUCCESSION.

Bristol 27 pts., United Services (Portsmouth) 7.

The United Services (Portsmouth) put up an excellent fight at Bristol in wet weather on a heavy ground before 5,000 spectators. Bristol were without T. W. Brown and D. H. Hicks, while the Services played A. P. Gibson for J. W. Forrest. ... Sherman scoring an unconverted try, but Llewellyn dropped a goal for the Services. Sam Tucker then got his first try of the season for Bristol.

There was a different story to tell in the second half. Bristol attacked strongly, and Burland scored after good passing. The Services forwards played finely, but Bristol got on top, and Lillicrap scored four tries in succession after strong running and good passing. Moncreiffe got Bristol's seventh try, Watts converting. Slater scored for the Services.

RICHMOND SCORE FREELY.

Old Paulines 3 pts., Richmond 39.

Richmond have been experiencing a run of bad luck of late, but yesterday, on the occasion of their visit to Thames Ditton to meet the Old Paulines, they made a great recovery in their prestige and after running up 14 points in the first half eventually triumphed over the Old Boys by the heavy score of 39 points to 3.

There was a good attendance, and the conditions were quite good. Richmond started strongly, their forwards showing great activity ... the Old Paulines' defence being slightly at fault. Ryan missed the goal-kick. Wright, Howes, and Wright then got over, but Ryan could only convert Wright's first try.

After changing ends, Richmond continued to be too good for the Old Boys, but the latter got a try through McLean (J. B.), King failing to convert. Richmond retaliated with tries by Wright, Chapman, and Howes. Ryan converted the first two. A brilliant three-quarter movement ended in a scrum on the Old Paulines' line from which McLean (D. L.) got over, and Ryan added the goal points. Chapman scored in the last minute and Ryan kicked perfectly for the extra points to give Richmond the victory by six goals and three tries to a try.

OLD BLUES WIN A FORWARD BATTLE.

Old Blues 8 pts., U.C.S. Old Boys 3.

Old Blues beat U.C.S. Old Boys at Fairlop by two tries and one goal to one try. The ground was a quagmire, on which fast, open play was quite impossible. Under the circumstances the respective scrum halves did well to get the ball out to their three-quarters ... The game was really a struggle between the packs ... the U.C.S. Old Boys had by far the best of matters. They ... at half-time, McKenzie scoring after a forward rush.

In the second half, however, the Old Blues' forwards ... Jones scored a clever try, which Peacock converted ... Shortly afterwards ... the defence of the opposition and gave Oliver an easy chance to score. The kick failed. The Old Blues thoroughly deserved their win.

WINDSOR LEWIS HURT.

Northampton 11 pts., Guy's 3.

Two thousand saw Guy's Hospital defeated on a heavy ground at Northampton. Clever passing gave Northampton an early try through Harris, but Popplewell scored for Guy's ... Lewis twisted his left knee and was assisted from the field.

Windsor Lewis returned early in the second half ... a great pace was maintained, and both lines were often in danger ... before the finish Northampton ... through an injury.

As a result of his injury, Windsor Lewis has been unable to take part in the Welsh International Trial on Saturday.

BART'S LOSE MODERATE GAME.

Devonport Services 9 pts., St. Bart's 3.

Three thousand saw St. Bart's worsted in a hard game at Devonport, for the Services were well served at half-back, and were the faster team generally. ... Charig and Smith scored tries for the Services, the kicks failing. Thomas eventually scored an unconverted try for Bart's.

The second half was keenly contested, and play was rather bad, and the standard of football did not improve ... Charig scored an unconverted try for the Services.

EDGWARE IN DIFFICULTIES.

Bridgwater 6 pts., Edgware 3.

By defeating Edgware, Bridgwater secured their seventh successive win. Despite the bad state of the ground, an interesting and exciting game was played. Bridgwater were below their usual form ... Mayled and Stagg obtained unconverted tries for the home side during the first half, and ... Evans crossed for Edgware.

Bridgwater had throughout the bigger share of the play, though the visitors put up a stubborn defence. The home forwards ... and Edgware often had difficulty in keeping their line intact.

STREATHAM UNLUCKY TO LOSE.

Streatham 0 pts., Catford Bridge 3.

Streatham went down in their match with Catford Bridge, losing Clark from the pack early on. ... Thrustful centres kept the Catford defence busy ... On resuming Tucker and Williams ran cleverly and Brooks nearly scored. Catford, playing a great forward game, reached Streatham's twenty-five ... Streatham made a great effort to equalise ... but Catford's defence was equal to the end.

'QUINS DOWN.

NEWPORT TOUCH THEIR BEST FORM.

BRILLIANT MOVES.

Newport 12 pts., Harlequins 0.

It was to be regretted that the 'Quins could only field a moderate side for their important match at Newport. The Harlequins, in fact, had many absentees. They started against a strong wind, and Newport pressed, but Watkins and Morley were short by a few feet. At last Morley scored wide out, but Everson failed with the kick. Another attack initiated by Watkins ended in an unconverted try by Carter.

Early in the second half Ralph received the ball, and, when expected to pass, burst away and scored a clever unconverted try. Then followed a couple of splendid Newport rushes, but the Harlequins were not nearly so impressive as they have been in some previous matches with Newport. Just before the end Morley scored the final try.

It was a clean-cut victory which left no shadow of doubt as to the marked superiority of the Usksiders. They gave their most polished display of the season, and after such a fine game one could not help regretting that it was the last fixture between the two famous clubs. There were periods, especially in the second half, when the 'Quins looked like finding their feet and scoring, but their backs found that they were meeting a very strong defence, and they gradually faded away.

Each one of Newport's four tries was full value, being the result of brilliant passing movements and rare determination in going for the line. J. C. Morley signalised his first appearance by one of his best games, and it was obvious that the experience he gained with the British touring team has greatly improved his play, particularly in defence. On present form there is no one to challenge him for his place on the right wing in the Welsh national side.

Another player who gave a sparkling performance was A. R. Ralph, at outside-half, and three of the tries were due to his cleverness in breaking through and parting with the ball at the right moment. His own try was a beautiful solo effort, and thoroughly roused the enthusiasm of the crowd.

In the forwards the player who enhanced his reputation was Peter Hordern, who has been chosen to play in the first English Trial game. In my judgment, he was the best forward on either side.

The Harlequins forwards played heroically and held out frequently, but their backs could not finish off their movements effectively. J. G. Dean and H. C. Laird were about the best of the bunch.

IRISH TRIAL.

MUNSTER WIN AFTER EARLY REVERSES.

Ulster 8 pts., Munster 10.

The Irish Trial match at Belfast, between Ulster and Munster, was played in fine weather before 10,000 spectators. Play was even in the first half with the Ulster backs the more dangerous. Atkinson obtained a try far out, after twenty minutes, for Hewitt to convert. Towards the interval Munster pressed strongly, but they failed to open their scoring account.

After twenty minutes of the second half Noel Murphy scored between the posts for Munster, Hanrahan converting. Murphy was injured and retired, but pluckily resumed. Five minutes later Atkinson scored an unconverted try. Then Munster went ahead through Sullivan, Hanrahan adding the extra points.

SWANSEA'S WINNING RECOVERY.

Gloucester 10 pts., Swansea 11.

There was a disappointing attendance at Gloucester to witness the match with Swansea. The game was played on a heavy ground, before three thousand spectators. Gloucester were still without Boughton, while Swansea had Guy Morgan and Parker absent. The game, despite the conditions, was keenly contested, and very fast. Emlys Jones opened the scoring for Swansea with an unconverted try, but Gloucester replied with two fine tries by McCanlis and Price, James converting both. This gave them the useful lead at half-time of ten points to three.

Swansea were the better side in the second half, and attacked repeatedly. Emlys Jones and Long each scored tries, one of which the former converted. Gloucester played up strongly towards the end, but found the opposition too keen, and they had to admit defeat by one goal and two tries to two goals.

OLD ALLEYNIANS WIN WELL.

London Hospital 0 pts., Old Alleynians 5.

London Hospital lost to Old Alleynians at Hale End by 1 goal to nil. The ground was just playable, and the game was mostly forward. Both packs were very evenly matched, the Old Alleynians being quicker in wheeling and getting round the ball. The Hospital showed up well in the line-out, where Coetzee was prominent, and in loose rushes. The game was a ding-dong forward struggle until the end, when the Old Alleynians showed some good three-quarter movements in spite of the slippery ball. The winning score came from Foster at the end of the first half. The Hospital nearly scored when Thompson, who played a great game at full back, got clear away after an unlucky knock on. The O.A.'s nearly scored at the end, the ball being held up. The Old Boys were slightly but definitely superior. Coetzee, Monro, and Thompson played a sound game for the Hospital. For the winners, Heppenstall led his pack very well, and Miller and Andreae (fly and scrum) showed up well.

BANK OF ENGLAND DEFEATED.

Bank of England 8 pts., Chartered Bank of India 6.

Chartered Bank of India beat Bank of England at Roehampton by two placed goals, one penalty goal, and one try to a goal and a try. Bank of England pressed in the first half, Hann scoring after a good run by Perts. Chadder converted. Gillett added an unconverted try after fine dribbling by Hutton-Williams. Scott scored for the Chartered Bank. He improved his try, while he also kicked a penalty goal. In the second half the Chartered forwards were excellent, and McClure crossed, for Scott to add the extra points. Bad marking allowed Banham to score. The Bank of England pressed for the last ten minutes, but were kept out. The Chartered Bank won deservedly on the run of the play

H.A.C. BEATEN AT HOME.

H.A.C. 11 pts., King's College Hospital 19.

The Hospital beat H.A.C. at Finsbury by 19 points to 11. The game was decided by the superiority of the Hospital outsides, who were faster and more clever than their opponents. The Hospital scored a minute from the kick-off, and had things their own way most of the first half, during which Taylor, Gilpin and Lassen scored tries, Thomas converting one. Barstow dribbled the ball over for H.A.C.'s one try. The second half was a different matter, the home forwards taking the game well in hand and giving their outsides frequent opportunities. Spence got over, but Lassen replied with a further try for the Hospital. H.A.C. again pressed and Stott ran in, Shepherd converting. H.A.C. were now attacking continually, and should have improved their score, but the Hospital three-quarters again broke away just before time, Aylett scoring for Thomas to convert. The Hospital outsides were always dangerous, and were quick to seize on the mistakes of their opponents, Easton at stand-off half being particularly prominent.

O.E.'S SAVED BY A PENALTY.

Old Emanuel 6 pts., Old Elthamians 6.

Old Emanuel drew with Old Elthamians at New Malden, each side scoring six points. In spite of the heavy going, the game was fast but scrappy throughout. In the first half the Elthamians got the ball from the majority of the set scrums, but did not look like scoring until near half-time, when a good movement, in which most of the outsides took part, resulted in Buttal scoring far out. Fisher failed with the kick. In the second half Old Emanuel pressed, and from a scrum near the line took the ball over to score, Bevis failing with a good kick. Emanuel continued to press, and after a penalty kick taken by Bevis, which rebounded from the upright, Wicket scored an unconverted try near the corner flag. Towards the finish the Elthamians attacked, and from a penalty kick, taken by Fisher, levelled the score with the last kick of the match.

LLOYDS BANK'S CLOSE GAME.

Lloyds Bank 3 pts., Midland Bank 0.

Lloyds Bank beat Midland Bank at New Beckenham by a penalty goal to nil. The game was closely contested. The Midland forwards were the heavier lot, and obtained the ball from the scrums more often, but the outsides failed to make use of their opportunities. Glock hooked well for the Midland Bank, and Herbert played a sound game, while Snelling handled cleverly. The Lloyds Bank forwards were below form except in the loose. Keyworth played splendidly at inside-half. Hodges kicked the penalty goal and narrowly missed a second. A feature of the game was the display of Niblett at full-back.

SCOTTISH LOSE ON TIME.

TWO POINTS' WIN FOR BIRKENHEAD PARK.

CLEVER FORWARDS.

London Scottish 12 pts., Birkenhead Park 14.

Having vanquished the United Services and Richmond, and drawn with Oxford University in successive matches, the London Scottish had emerged from the doldrums and tackled Birkenhead Park at Richmond yesterday with their tails up, metaphorically speaking. They were beaten after a most exciting finish it is true, Birkenhead scoring a placed goal, a penalty goal and 2 tries against a placed goal, a dropped goal and a try, but they led to within a quarter of an hour of the finish, when D. J. W. Dryburgh had to be withdrawn from their pack to replace E. M. M. Henderson, who had to go off owing to an injured shoulder.

To that point they had clearly been the better side. Rarely have their forwards been so convincing this season. They had the Park men beaten for the ball from most of the scrums, and there was plenty of life with them in the open, while they were better together outside than their rivals. The Park halves, T. G. Knowles and O. W. Roberts, did not work very smoothly together, and neither of the international centres, J. V. Richardson or G. S. Wilson, were outstanding, though the latter got in an occasional burst that dazzled. Most of their passing was poor, until towards the end. When they were making their great effort to win a match that had gone heavily against them, and when the ball was safely handled, the attack was rarely advanced to any great extent, the fast wing men always being crowded on to the touch-line and easily held up.

The Scottish defence was very good indeed, Ian Smith taking a conspicuous part in it, while, as usual, R. W. Langrish played admirably for them at full-back. Both Henderson and A. Geddes got through much good work.

The honours of the first half were clearly with the Scottish, and their lead by 8 points was fully deserved, R. R. F. Maclennan having got over, and A. C. C. Miers having gained a try after a break through by G. Maclaren, for D. H. Simson to place the goal.

Early in the second half Langrish very cleverly dropped a goal to increase their lead, but H. Springman credited the Park with an unconverted try, and Wilson scored for them from a penalty kick. In the end, however, Birkenhead Park pulled the game round, for a try by J. B. Charles, after a delightful passing movement and a goal by Wilson, was followed by another good try by Wilson, and the Park won on the post by the margin of two points.

WATERLOO OUTCLASSED.

Leicester 21 pts., Waterloo 5.

Leicester entertained and beat Waterloo in a downpour of rain. The state of the ground made back play difficult, and Leicester's forwards adopted good tactics in the loose. Saunders scored an unconverted try for Leicester after five minutes, and Constantine added another. Leicester were the more aggressive side, and Greenlees added a third try, which Prentice converted. Just before the interval, G. W. C. Meikle scored for Waterloo, Fouldes converting.

Leicester restarted with great dash, and Greenlees intercepted a pass from Auty to score near the posts, Prentice converting with a fine kick. For the remainder of this half the home team were superior to Waterloo in every department, and Buckingham went away at great speed to score a try wide out, to which Prentice again added the points from a difficult position.

WASPS WIN A KEEN GAME.

Wasps 6 pts., St. Thomas's Hospital 3.

St. Thomas's Hospital visited Sudbury to play the Wasps, and after a hard and keen game the Wasps ran out winners by one penalty goal and one try to one try. The Hospital had the advantage of the wind during the first half, but the Wasps, getting their outsides moving while the going was good, scored first. Good work by Bruford and Hopkins sent Stevens over for a try that was not converted. Afterwards play was mostly amongst the forwards, who were evenly matched. A kick for "foot up" enabled Compton to score, after which the hospital pack made many determined rushes, and from one of these Pearson touched down. The Wasps pressed hard towards the finish, but met a strong defence, and no further score resulted.

UPPER CLAPTON AVOID DEFEAT.

Westminster Bank 6 pts., Upper Clapton 6.

In spite of the very heavy ground and bad light a fine game was seen at Norbury between the Bank and Upper Clapton, the result being a draw of two tries all. Both packs were exceedingly good, Upper Clapton being slightly superior in the loose, Blaker hooking very well indeed for them. The Bank showed superiority in the centre, Nicholls and Trevor Young handling well and running straight, and there was a surprising amount of open play considering the ground. Upper Clapton pressed from the start, Johnston almost being over in the first few minutes. They were not to be denied long. A loose rush, followed by some hand-to-hand passing by the forwards, led to a good try by Fitch. The home team soon replied, and a fine run by Lawes resulted in the equalising score. The Bank again attacked, and after a passing movement Skinner put the home team ahead. In the second half Upper Clapton pressed strongly for some time and levelled the score with a try by Wells.

WON BY THE LAST KICK.

Neath 7 pts., Llanelly 5.

Neath and Llanelly met at Neath for a second time this season, before 4,000 people, although rough weather prevailed. Llanelly had the advantage of the wind at the outset, and soon set up a strong attack, but Neath defended splendidly. After twenty minutes' play the Llanelly forwards dribbled down the field for M. Jenkins to score a corner try, which Ivor Jones converted. Neath then attacked, but could not score, and at half-time were 5 points to the bad.

Neath, with the wind behind them, did better on resuming, and within a few minutes Tom Morgan crossed for an unconverted try. Neath made desperate efforts to get ahead, but Llanelly defended well. In the last second of the game, Grif Bevan dropped a goal for Neath with the last kick of the match to give Neath the victory.

MOSELEY BEAT PLUCKY OPPONENTS.

Moseley 9 pts., Nottingham 0.

Conditions were very bad at Birmingham, and Moseley, suited by the heavy ground, had the better of the forward struggle. Notts, however, played under severe handicap, for ten minutes after the start Mann, their fly-half, met with a head injury and took no further part in the game. Notts held their own in defence until after the interval, when Lindop and Trentham scored tries in the corner, and just on time Dennis obtained a third try. Notts put up a very plucky fight under the circumstances.

AMATEUR BOXING.

UNIVERSITIES AND HOSPITALS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Keen fighting characterised the preliminary bouts of the British Universities and Hospitals Amateur Boxing Championships at the University Gymnasium, College Green, Dublin. Dublin University, last year's winners, made a most promising start. Their representatives in three weights were successful, but J. O'Neill, their fly-weight, was beaten by L. A. Daw (London University) after a good bout. In the middle-weight class L. K. Branigan and D. L. Graham, both of Dublin University, beat G. K. Cobhan (London University) and E. V. Behan (United Hospitals) respectively; while at welter-weight poundage, C. Gore Grimes and F. M Martin, of Dublin, gained victories over H. Walton (Liverpool University) and P. Scott (London University) respectively. R. M. Hilliard, Dublin University's representative in the featherweight series, defeated S. Baxendale (Leeds University). For the first time in their history all the preliminary contests went the full distance. Details:—

FLY-WEIGHT.—First Series: E. Rees (United Hospitals) beat L. A. Morey (Liverpool University); L. A. Daw (London University) beat J. O'Neill (Dublin University).

FEATHER-WEIGHT.—First Series: R. M. Hilliard (Dublin University) beat S. Baxendale (Leeds University).

LIGHT-WEIGHT.—First Series: R. N. Alford (United Hospitals) beat J. C. Baird (Liverpool University); C. Stanford (University College, Dublin) beat J. D. Spillane (Cardiff University).

WELTER-WEIGHT.—First Series: C. Gore Grimes (Dublin University) beat H. Walton (Liverpool University); B. M. Oriordan (University College, Dublin) beat E. Roberts (Cardiff University); F. M. Martin (Bristol University) beat P. Scott (London University); P. W. Law (United Hospitals), a bye.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT.—First Series: L. K. Branigan (Dublin University) beat G. K. Cobhan (London University); D. L. Graham (Dublin University) beat E. V. Behan (United Hospitals).

WELSH REVEL IN THE MUD.

SPLENDID DISPLAY BY OUTSIDES.

JONES-DAVIES EXCELS.

London Welsh 3 pts., Rosslyn Park 0.

A fine piece of opportunism that produced the only score of the game enabled London Welsh to beat Rosslyn Park at Herne Hill under wretched conditions.

The ground was deep in mud, and the players had the utmost difficulty in keeping their feet, so that play was naturally scrambling, though hard and keen.

Both packs played well at the start and were splendidly matched, but the backs found the greasy ball too big a handicap to indulge in any smart movements. Towards half-time, Jones Davies, with a brilliant cut through, enabled F. L. Jones to score for the Welsh, Powell failing to convert.

The Welsh continued to press in the second period, their backs doing well under difficult conditions. Occasionally the Park forwards relieved the pressure with strong dribbling, but they were not well supported behind. On the other hand, the Park line escaped narrowly on repeated occasions, Alston twice getting up to save a certain try. Jones-Davies played a splendid game for the Welsh throughout.

The well-known adaptability of Welsh players to muddy conditions was thus well exemplified, for the small number of points recorded by the winners gives no adequate measure of their superiority, the Park line escaping in lucky fashion on innumerable occasions, particularly in the second half, when the Welshmen were pressing almost continuously.

The Wesh forwards were the better all-round pack, though the visiting eight brought off many fine dribbles, but the real strength of the Welshmen lay behind. W. E. Powell trying the long pass out from the base of the scrum, frequently found the greasy ball too great a handicap, if his touch finding was consistently good and helpful. His partner, T. E. Jones-Davies, was the life and soul of the Welsh attack, showing such great thrusting powers that he continually had the Park defence in a tangle. All the Welsh backs played creditably, and special praise must be accorded to T. J. Davies at full-back. Rarely did this player fail in his tackling, whilst he got splendid length into his kicking.

The Park outsides had nothing like the opportunities that fell to the opposing backs, though W. R. Collins was successful on occasions with his cut through, and W. R. Alston's speed was very useful in defence.

POLICE RUGBY UNION.

STRONG TRIAL FIFTEEN TO VISIT DEVONPORT.

The Police Rugby Union have selected a strong trial fifteen to meet Devonport Services on December 10 at Devonport. The Union are able to draw upon several Welsh international players from the Glamorgan, Monmouth, and Newport Constabulary, but as the game is now being taken up more by English police forces, the Selection Committee are anxious to give English players a chance of showing their capabilities. Team:—

E. Jones (Metropolitan); E. Thomas (Metropolitan), A. H. Brigstocke (Plymouth), A. Jenkins (Metropolitan) A. F. Hamilton Smythe (Metropolitan); J. Lester (Metropolitan), W. G. Backaller (Plymouth); W Barrett (Metropolitan), T. Rule (Kent), C. H. A. Gummer (Plymouth), J. Hazell (Bristol), T. B. Chappell (Exeter), W. G. Buckley (Derby), D. J. Anderson (Gloucester), M. Wilson (Plymouth).

Reserves:—J. Ismay (back) (City of London), R. Stone (three-quarter) (Metropolitan), W. Hart (three-quarter) (Gloucester), H. W. D. Beswick (forward) (Plymouth), F. J. Barry (forward) (Plymouth).

LIVERPOOL OUTPOINTED.

Bradford 19 pts., Liverpool 0.

The meeting of Bradford and Liverpool at Bradford attracted 1,000 spectators, despite wet weather. Bradford were too clover for their opponents fore and aft, and tries were scored for Bradford by Stephens, Marlton, Boyce, and Robinson Bonner converted the last try to give Bradford a half-time lead of 14 points to nil.

In the second half Liverpool improved somewhat, but their defence was stronger than their attack. The only score in this half was a brilliant try for Bradford by Boyce, who cut through the whole Liverpool team to score near the post. Bonner added the goal points to give his side a victory by 2 goals 3 tries to nil.

NUNEATON PLUCKY LOSERS.

Coventry 16 pts., Nuneaton 6.

Coventry adapted themselves well to the waterlogged conditions prevailing for their home match with Nuneaton, and they went ahead in the first minute, Clarke dribbling over in the corner for an unconverted try. A try by Kimmins quickly put Nuneaton on level terms. Play was dominated by the forwards owing to the wretched conditions. Blake gave Coventry the lead, Bonham converting this try.

Immediately on the restart Coventry attacked and Mayo scored behind the posts, Bonham converting. Nuneaton stuck gamely to their task, J. Cramphorn being much in the picture, and at length Hodder scored an unconverted try for them. Campbell responded for Coventry, who won by 2 goals and 2 tries to 2 tries.

BARNSTAPLE CONQUER THE ALBION.

Barnstaple 14 pts., Plymouth Albion 3.

Plymouth Albion in their match at Barnstaple were without Richards, their International scrum quarter. Barnstaple had by far the better of the first half, scoring three minutes from the start through Evans, and later through H. Williams, M. Williams converting once. Rees and Granger worked hard for the Albion, but the visitors' play was not convincing, and at the interval the home club still led by 8 points to nil.

The Albion rallied in the second half and reduced the arrears, Mills scoring a beautiful try, which Stanbury just failed to convert. Granger very nearly repeated Mills performance, but from this to the end the Albion were never dangerous, and further tries for Barnstaple were scored by H. Williams and G. Williams, who put the issue beyond doubt.

RUGBY CLUB RECORDS.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
Aberavon	13	6	3	4	88	67
Bk. of England	11	7	0	4	126	88
Bath	13	6	2	5	138	96
Birkenhead Park	8	5	1	2	115	86
Blackheath	14	4	1	9	125	182
Bradford	13	8	3	2	192	129
Bristol	12	11	0	1	181	46
Cambridge Univ.	13	11	0	2	345	90
Cardiff	25	12	4	9	226	201
Catford Bridge	15	8	0	7	122	144
Centymca	8	4	0	4	58	59
Civil Service	10	3	2	5	54	109
Coventry	14	11	0	3	229	118
Cross Keys	15	8	3	4	99	47
Devonport Services	13	4	1	8	97	137
Edgware	13	9	1	3	108	60
Esher	11	5	2	4	85	95
Exiles	12	10	0	2	227	67
Gloucester	15	6	3	6	166	113
Guy's Hospital	12	6	0	6	173	148
Harlequins	10	7	0	3	176	83
Harrow	11	7	0	4	107	57
Headingley	12	6	1	5	217	106
H.A.C.	11	5	0	6	98	141
K Coll. Hosp.	12	5	0	7	122	172
K.C.S. Old Boys	10	8	0	2	172	29
Leicester	14	8	2	4	166	120
Leytonstone	12	6	1	5	145	112
Llanelly	13	8	3	2	129	45
Lloyds Bank	10	4	2	4	78	74
London Hospital	11	5	1	5	81	76
L.C.C.	7	4	2	1	79	31
London Irish	10	8	0	3	96	34
London Scottish	10	3	1	6	101	185
London Welsh	11	8	1	2	135	39
Moseley	12	3	1	8	73	120
Metro. Police	9	8	0	1	133	44
Midland Bank	11	6	1	4	155	58
Neath	14	9	0	5	167	180
Newport	17	9	3	5	177	103
Northampton	13	7	0	6	141	118
Nuneaton	11	8	0	3	137	86
Old Alleynians	9	6	0	3	132	75
Old Blues	13	5	1	7	103	141
Old Emanuel	11	4	2	5	78	116
O.M. Taylors	10	4	1	5	85	102
O. Millhillians	10	5	0	5	99	89
Old Paulines	12	7	0	5	122	159
Oxford Univ.	12	7	1	4	148	123
Lensbury	10	7	0	3	148	92
Plymouth Albion	12	9	0	3	137	83
Pontypool	16	12	2	2	179	69
Polytechnic	10	5	3	2	62	71
Richmond	11	3	1	7	127	159
Rosslyn Park	12	8	1	3	134	53
Southend	10	8	0	2	163	68
Streatham	11	2	0	9	72	169
St. Bart's Hospital	11	2	0	9	56	154
St. Mary's Hospital	10	5	0	5	83	76
Staines	8	7	0	1	225	31
St. Thomas's Hospital	11	2	1	8	74	143
Swansea	14	6	1	7	148	115
Toc H.	11	11	0	0	200	33
U.S., Chatham	12	4	1	7	109	135
U.S., Portsmouth	11	3	2	6	112	142
Upper Clapton	11	2	1	8	136	127
Wasps	12	12	0	0	225	34
Waterloo	11	7	0	4	150	130
Westminster Bank	11	3	2	6	75	97
Woodford	12	7	0	5	133	61
Wimbledon	9	8	1	0	105	25

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RUGBY.

Haileybury 14 pts., Harrow 0.

The Terrace Field at Haileybury was waterlogged. The match with Harrow was played on a new piece of ground, where a foothold was possible, but accurate play out of the question. Haileybury were undoubtedly the better side, and deserved their win by 1 goal and 3 tries to nil. Harrow put up a resolute defence, and, though Haileybury were attacking all through the first half, there was no score up to the interval.

A. M. Greenwood, the home captain, was easily the best man on the field, his kicking to touch and dash in the centre being mainly responsible for his side's victory.

Harrow had a bad quarter of an hour early in the second half, when all the scoring took place. The first try came from a smart pick-up by R. C. Ehrke, who gave E. J. Unwin an easy try. Unwin also scored the second from a fine opening by Greenwood. The next try was the best of the match, the movement starting in the Haileybury "25." The ball passed through five or six pairs of hands before Greenwood scored. He converted his try. A. P. Russell gained the final try from a strong run along the touchline.

Marlborough College 9 pts., Cheltenham College 3.

Marlborough College, at home, defeated Cheltenham College by nine points to three. It was a strenuous game, played in most unfavourable weather. Owing to the College playing fields being under water, the game was played on Marlborough Common. A greasy ball made handling difficult. The forwards took most honours so far as work was concerned, and Prescott was prominent throughout the match for Marlborough. Seamer opened with a penalty goal; and soon afterwards Foss scored an unconverted try. Thus Marlborough held a clear lead of six points at half-time. Play in the second period was of a ding-dong character, there being little difference in the display given by the forwards in the two packs. After fifteen minutes Marlborough scored a penalty goal through Page. The visitors, who had been unfortunate not to score on several occasions, were rewarded when Cook obtained a penalty goal. Marlborough were the more impressive in handling, while Cheltenham fumbled badly.

Sevenoaks School 6 pts., Old Fennockians 0.

Sevenoaks School repeated their unbeaten record of last season by defeating a strong Old Fennockian team by six points to nil. The ground was sticky, and play was confined to the forwards. In the first half Warrick kicked a fine penalty goal for the School, and at half-time the score was 3—0. The School pressed for the greater part of the second half, the Old Boys seldom appearing dangerous. Sevenoaks' scrum was superior, and kept the ball near their opponents' line. Busby scored for the School. The second XV.s of the above teams met, and Sevenoaks were beaten, this defeat being the only one suffered by any of the School teams this season.

Denstone College 3 pts., Trent College 3.

Playing at home, Denstone College drew with Trent College, each side scoring one try. Temple scored the try for the home team, and Mitchell that for the visitors. Considering the bad conditions, the game ruled very even, the outsides being better than the forwards, although the Trent pack was good.

St. Edwards School, Oxford, 10 pts., Old St. Edwards 0.

At Oxford the School beat the Old Boys by 2 goals to nil. Play at the beginning was even and both sides combined well. From a scrum Northcote-Green scored on the right, and Porritt converted. The School pressed most during the first half, and following a scrum in midfield, the ball came out to Butterworth, who dodged his man and ran through to score in the centre. Porritt again converted. Play during the second half was very even. The School nearly scored soon after the re-start, and after Freebairn-Smith had run to the half-way line, the Old St. Edwards started pressing. Butterworth cleared with a good kick, and later Durrant and Freebairn-Smith nearly scored. Towards the end the School almost scored through Beal, but he went into touch.

The touch kicking on both sides was good. This is the School's eighth successive win.

Taunton Sch. 0 pts., Somerset Wands. 9.

The School played a good game, but the Wanderers were the heavier, so that they got the ball back more often than the home lot. The School tackling was excellent, Georgiardi, Gardner, and Wheeler being outstanding. The packs were well matched in the loose, but the Wanderers did best in the tight work. Hodge, Watts, and Begg being prominent among the School forwards. Southcombe scored the Wanderers first try, and Healey added two others. Pickles, of Bristol, did not open the game enough.

Oundle School 24 pts., O.M.T.s A 3.

Oundle beat Old Merchant Taylors A at Oundle by three goals and three tries to one try. The weather conditions were bad, but the handling movements by both sides made attractive football. K. C. Fyffe converted two tries in the first half. After the resumption the visitors' left centre scored a runaway try, but the Oundle forwards, among whom Moss was prominent, maintained pressure. Lord scored twice, and Fyfe improved the second try.

Sedbergh School 25 pts., Stonyhurst 0.

Playing clever and fast football against Stonyhurst, Sedbergh won handsomely by two goals and five tries to nil. The scorers were Weide (three), Wood (two), Dorman, and McCrindle, Weide kicking the goals. With a strong wind behind them, Sedbergh soon asserted their superiority and outpaced Stonyhurst all round, leading by seventeen points at half-time. They continued to have the best of matters in the second half, nearly scoring on many other occasions.

Eastbourne College 30 pts., Radley 18.

Eastbourne College defeated Radley by 30 points to 18, at Eastbourne. In an even first half Duncanson (2), Hopkinson and Malcolm scored tries for Eastbourne. Malcolm and Mason each converted one. For Radley, Neale (2) and Dinwiddy obtained tries, the latter kicking three goals. In the second half heavy rain confined the game to the forwards. Eastbourne, who adapted themselves better to the conditions, scored tries through Duncanson, Morley, Hampton, and Allen, Malcolm improving one. Towards the end F[illegible]kford scored for Radley. The forwards did well, Malcolm and Dinwiddy being the best for their respective sides. Duncanson was the outstanding outside.

Wrekin 8 pts., Waterloo 0.

The ground was wet at Wrekin, and rain fell throughout. The Wrekin forwards were superior, especially in the loose. Jevins and Williams were prominent, with Herron, Moulds, and Whitworth. James scored a try following a good forward rush after ten minutes, and Tomlins got a second try after thirty minutes. The second half was even, the Wrekin backs helping the forwards by good tackling.

Downside 28 pts., Blundells 0.

Downside beat Blundells at home by two goals and six tries to nil. The Downside three-quarters played brilliantly, and their forwards were superior. But Blundells went down well. O'Connor (2), Biegel (2), Gallagher, Denaro, Goodman, and Marsden scored. Arnold converted two. Downside handled the wet ball cleverly and were too fast for Blundells.

Imperial Service College 12 pts., Rosslyn Park A 11.

Rosslyn Park A defeated Imperial Service College by twelve points to eleven at Windsor. The game was played on a sodden ground, and play was confined mostly to the forwards. Under the adverse conditions, the College backs handled well. The Park forwards were at first beaten for possession, but later they asserted themselves, and in the second half their superiority definitely turned the scale in their favour. The College tackling and defensive play against the forward rushes was sound. The game throughout was fast and even, both sides producing good football.

St. Albans School 0 pts., Old Albanians 18.

St. Albans School were beaten by Old Albanians by eighteen to nil. Page scored a try for the Old Boys in the first half, and Nelson converted. In the second half Rowland and Nelson scored tries, which were converted by the last named and Bates. Page added an unconverted try. The School had more of the game up to half-time, but later the wind and the Old Boys' weight told.

St. Bees 11 pts., Cockermouth 4.

St. Bees School beat Cockermouth by eleven points to four at Cockermouth. Scorers: Dempston (two), Millar, and Ball (goal) for St. Bees. Patterson dropped a goal for Cockermouth. For the first twenty minutes the School were all over their opponents, and scored three good tries. Later, Cockermouth played with five three-quarters and dropped spoiling tactics. Cockermouth frequently pressed, being unlucky not to score on one occasion, but the School defence was good, Ainsworth being cool.

RUGBY RESULTS.

IRISH INTERNATIONAL TRIAL.

Ulster	8	Munster	10

CLUB MATCHES.

London Scottish	12	Birkenhead Park	14
Cardiff	25	Blackheath	0
Newport	12	Harlequins	0
Devonport Services	9	St. Bart.'s Hosp.	3
Aberavon	3	Cross Keys	8
Bristol	26	Un. Services (Ports)	7
Barnstaple	14	Plymouth Albion	3
Bradford	19	Liverpool	0
Coventry	16	Nuneaton	6
Gloucester	10	Swansea	11
Leicester	21	Waterloo	5
Moseley	9	Nottingham	0
Northampton	11	Guy's Hosp.	3
Neath	7	Llanelly	5
Pontypool	19	Risca	0
Watsonians	19	Selkirk	0
T. Cook and Son	3	Battersea Poly.	0
L.C.C.	24	P.L.A.	0
St. Bank of S.A.	3	Harlequin A	11
London Welsh	3	Rosslyn Park	0
Bank of England	8	Ch. Bank of I.	16
Woodford A	28	Guy's A	0
Woodford Ex. A	18	Finchley A	0
Woodford C.	3	Finchley B	14
Woodford Ex. C.	26	Sutton Ex. C.	8
L.C.C. A	36	P.L.A.	0
Glasgow H. School	10	Hawick	8
Barnet	6	West Herts	13
Siemens B	3	Lissen	8
Streatham	0	Catford Bridge	3
Catford Bridge A	18	Streatham A	0
Streatham B	18	Catford Bridge B	13
Oxo	11	Callenders	7
Finchley B	14	Woodford B	8
Lond. Sch. of Econ.	28	Middlesex Hosp. A	8
Surrey Yeomanry	0	Guards' Dept. Cat'm	3
Finchley	0	Richmond A	37
G.W.R.	6	R. Col. of Science	0
Sidcup	8	Lensbury	0
Sidcup B	8	Lensbury B	3
Nat. Bk. of India	3	Exiles	11
Gaflac	6	Rosslyn Park B	27
Wimbledon	16	British Celanese	0
L.R.B. B	5	Cosmos	0
Q.W. and C.S. Rifles	14	Guildford Extra A	0
Q.W. and C.S. Rifles A	6	St. Thomas's Hosp. A	3
Crewe and Nantwich	21	Dominoes	0
Poly. A	3	St. Mary's Hosp.	8
Poly. B	0	Windsor B	14
Poly. Ex. B	11	Toc. H. C	0
L.R. Bdge. A	0	R. Horse Gds.	22
Harrow	6	Metro. Police	9
Harrow A	6	Metro. Pol. A	8
Harrow Ex. A	0	B.T.H.	9
Harrow Ex. C	6	Ealing Ex. C	8
Saracens B	10	Wasps Ex. A	5
Saracens C	3	Wasps Ex. B	14
Saracens D	11	Wasps Ex. C	0
Rotherham	0	Chesterfield	0
Esher A	3	Sutton A	0
Esher B	14	Sutton B	13
Esher C	3	Sutton C	14
Wasps B	12	Saracens B	6
Wasps Ex. C	9	Warlingham Ex. B	6
Westminster Bank	6	Upper Clapton	6
Westminster Bank A	0	Upper Clapton A	5
West. Bank Ex. A	20	Upper Clapton Ex. A	4
H.A.C.	11	King's Coll. Hosp.	19
Civil Service	9	Artists' Rifles	8
Artists' Rifles A	6	Civil Service A	28
Saracens A	11	Warlingham	0
Saracens Ex. A	10	Wasps II.	5
Centymca	3	London Welsh A	0
R.A.F. (Henlow)	13	Harpenden	0
Kingston	26	Southern Railway A	6
Sevenoaks	14	Tunbridge Wells	3
R. Masonic School	0	Rosslyn Park B	22
Harpenden A	11	R.N.V.R.	8
Barclays Bank	0	Leytonstone	3
Darenth	14	Gidea Park	0
Barclays Bank B	3	Leytonstone B	0
Lloyds Bank	3	Midland Bank	0
London Irish A	6	R.N.C. (Gr'nwich) A	8
Warlingham Ex. A	3	London Scottish C	8
Warlingham A	0	Saracens Ex. A	0
Ealing	8	Oxfordshire Nomads	4
R.A.F. (Ruislip)	13	Ealing B	8
Lloyds Bank B	21	Midland Bank B	0
Park House	3	Beckenham	16
Park House Ex. A	10	Beckenham Ex. A	21
Southend	44	Britannic House	0
Southend B	0	Westcliff H. S.	0
Westcombe Park A	5	Motor Union	0
Q. Elizabeth Sch.	3	Toc H Ex. A	16
Guildford	3	Worthing	0
Ilford Wand. A	9	Twickenham A	0
R.N.C. (Greenwich)	3	London Irish	6
Wasps	9	St. Thomas's Hosp.	3
Napier	9	A.E.C.	6
London Hospital C.	12	H.A.C. C	0

Matches scratched owing to unfit ground:—Oxford University Greyhounds v. Bath; Glasgow Academicals v. Kelso.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MATCHES.

Wellington College	5	Rugby School	9
Oundle School	24	Old Mer. Taylor's A	3
Clifton College	3	Blackheath A	0
Sedbergh School	25	Stonyhurst College	0
Llandovery College	27	Christ Coll., Brecon	0
Downside School	28	Blundell's School	0
Tonbridge School	8	Richmond A	8
Haileybury College	14	Harrow School	0
Eastbourne College	30	Radley College	18
St. John's School Leatherhead	0	Brighton College	14
Bishop's Storfd. Coll.	11	St. Edmund's, Ware	0
Bedford Mod. School	11	Eltham College	8
Hereford Cath. Sch.	17	Worcester B	6
H.M.S. Ganges	9	Ipswich School	8
Monmouth School	15	Bristol Grammar Sch.	0
Norwich School	0	Norwich R.F.C.	6
Birkenhead School	40	Ruthin School	0
Wrekin College	8	Waterloo A	0
Oratory School	0	Rosslyn Park A	5
King's Sch., Worc.	21	Warwick School	0
St. Albans School	0	Old Albanians	18
Newbury Gram. Sch.	10	Newbury A	3
Old Whitgiftians II.	24	Whitgift School	0
Tiffin School	13	Wimbledon College	0
Marlborough College	9	Cheltenham College	3
Beaumont College	14	K.C.S., Wimbledon	6
Giggleswick School	3	Leeds G.S.	21
Sutton Valence Sch.	23	King's Sch., Rochester	5
Weymouth College	3	Monkton Combe Sch.	8
Newton College	0	Exeter School	0
Colfe School	8	Aske's School	24
St Edward's School	10	O.S.E.	0
Wellington S. (Som.)	11	Wellington Old Boys	8

OLD BOYS' MATCHES.

O. M. Taylors	3	Cambridge Univ.	11
Old Paulines	3	Richmond	39
Clifton	3	O. Millhillians	0
Woodford	11	Old Brightonians	8
Siemens	14	Old Croydonians	0
Staines	29	Old Haileyburians A	6
Old Blues	8	U.C.S. Old Boys	3
Old Blues A	11	Old Cranleighans A	0
Old Blues B	15	U.C.S. Old Boys B	8
Old Blues Nomads	0	Christ Coll. Old Boys	0
Caterham School II.	0	Old Caterhamians A	3
St. Albans School II.	5	Old Albanians A	22
Old Tiffinians	13	Dorking	12
Old Tiffinians B	18	Malden A	3
Old Whitgiftians III.	27	Whitgift School II.	0
Old Dartfordians	5	Chartered Bk. of India	0
Old Dartfordians A	6	Old Colfeians A	5
Exiles A	19	O.M.T.'s Ex. B	0
Polytechnic	0	Old Colfeians	20
Harrow Ex. B	18	Old Croydonian B	0
Old Emanuel A	0	Old Haberdashers A	0
Old Millhillian A	0	Wasps A	9
Old Emanuel	6	Old Elthamians	6
Old Emanuel B	38	Old Haberdashers B	0
Old Emanuel C	9	Old Cranbrookians	6
Old Emanuel Ex. C	8	Old Tiffinians	16
Old Henleiensians	35	Lensbury C	3
Old Haileyburians B	3	Staines A	8
Old Paulines A	3	Toc H.	8
Old Paulines B	19	Toc H. B	0
Lazard	12	Old Edmontonians	0
King's College	23	O. Mid-Whitgiftians	9
Old Redingensians	6	St. Mary's Hospital	8
K.C.S. Old Boys	19	U.S., Chatham	5
K.C.S. Old Boys A	26	Old Johnians	8
Harlequins A	20	Old Rutlishians	8
Rosslyn Park A	0	Old Queenians	9
K.C.S. (Wimb.) II.	0	K.C.S. Old Boys B	11
Guildford A	0	Old Wimbledonians	16
Old Askeans	9	Customs Sports	3
Old Brockleians	14	R.A. (Chatham)	0
London Hospital	0	Old Alleynians	5
O.M.T.'s Ex. C.	8	H.A.C Ex. C.	0

RUGBY LEAGUE MATCHES.

Batley	0	Barrow	0
Bradford N.	4	Hull	11
Castleford	22	Bramley	8
Halifax	10	Salford	0
Hull K. Rovers	12	Dewsbury	2
Keighley	3	Oldham	17
Leeds	32	York	2
Leigh	12	Widnes	5
St. Helens	33	Rochdale Hornets	15
Wakefield T.	3	Hunslet	11
Warrington	16	Huddersfield	3
Wigan Highfield	15	Broughton Rgrs.	4

LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL.

Wigan	3	St. Helens Rec.	18

EMPIRE BILLIARDS.

GOOD BREAKS BY DAVIS.

In continuation of the Empire Billiards Tournament W. Lindrum and J. Davis are in opposition at Leicester. Although conceding the English champion 7,000 points, Lindrum was less than 2,000 points behind when play was continued yesterday. In the afternoon Davis did best with breaks of 191 and 484 against the Australian's 106, 133, and 109, and took his figures to 13,802 to his rival's 11,550.

At the evening session Lindrum was the first to make a move of note by compiling 344. Davis countered this with items of 102 and 281. Lindrum, who was suffering from a chill, did nothing afterwards, and Davis was in play at the finish with 613 unfinished, the closing scores being:—

DAVIS (rec. 7,000) 15,158
LINDRUM (scr.) 11,979

NEWMAN MAKES 1,309 UNFINISHED.

The level match at Thurston's, London, between Newman and McConachy, who are both in receipt of 7,000 points, has gone all in favour of the English player. McConachy in the afternoon made a break of 544, his best innings so far, but at night Newman eclipsed this by scoring 1,309 unfinished his fifth four-figure break of the game. He left off at the end of a week's play leading by 9,920, the closing figures being:—

NEWMAN (rec. 7,000) 22,188
McCONACHY (rec. 7,000) 12,268

THE SMITHS IN OPPOSITION.

At Burroughes Hall, London, an exhibition match is being played by Smith S. and Smith W., who is the ex-champion. W. Smith carried an unfinished break of 53 into 1,594, and when the week's play ended the scores were:—

SMITH, S. (rec. 12,000) 17,093
SMITH, W. (in play) 10,988

Athletics.

CAMBRIDGE WIN RELAYS.

MAGNIFICENT RACING—TISDALL IN EXCELSIS.

TWO NEW RECORDS SET UP.

By H. M. ABRAHAMS.

Cambridge beat Oxford by five events to two at Fenners yesterday, to the natural delight of the largest crowd which has ever witnessed a meeting in the winter at Fenners. A five-two victory sounds devastating, and yet, apart from the later stages of the four-miles relay, every event provided its thrill, and the all-round standard was certainly the highest ever attained since this event was started ten years ago.

On paper I anticipated a victory for Cambridge by 4 events to 3, for I must confess that I had an uncomfortable feeling about the four one miles with J. F. Cornes and H. S. Townend in the Oxford quartet, while the shorter hurdle race has so often proved a fiasco, and it might have been Cambridge's turn this time.

Everything went well for the home side from the start, and five events to two is the right result. If Robert Tisdall had gone to Oxford instead of Cambridge the result would have been exactly reversed. So long as he is in residence Cambridge start with three events to the good.

A Late Start.

The meeting started late owing to the exceptionally large gate—the Cambridge officials deliberately holding up proceedings to enable the four or five hundred people who had not yet gained admission to the ground to do so without missing anything.

The day was not wet—and that is the most that can truthfully be said about the weather. It was cold, and a suspicion of fog hung about the ground from the start, and became more than a mere suspicion before the meeting was over.

Oxford drew inside position for the first event—the 400 yards relay. Evan Hunter (who talks—I hope not too seriously—of retiring from the office of starter) got the two runners away beautifully together. J. D. Wade (Cambridge) was very quickly into his running, and gave J. Murray at least a two yards lead. So far as I could tell, this was subsequently increased to between four and five, and E. W. Goodwillie found it impossible to gain more than a couple of yards at the most on A. Munro over the last stage. Cambridge won in 1 min. 39 1-5 sec. (an average of 9.75 sec. per man) with Oxford another 1-5 sec. away.

The two miles (four at 880 yards) followed. Cambridge accepted the inevitable by their selection, and, omitting their best half-miler, M. H. C. Gutteridge, said to their opponents: "Here you are" before the event began.

H. S. Townend (the old Public Schools champion) led off for Oxford over the first stage against C. J. Tucker. He was content to run behind for well-nigh a lap and then he ran off on his own, finishing in 2 min. 0 1-5 sec.—2 2-5 sec. ahead. There was very nearly a mess-up in the change-over, but not quite, and Wansey went off with a twelve-yard lead.

R. C. N. Owbridge ran well against Wansey and at half distance the Oxford lead had been reduced to seven yards or so. Wansey returned just inside 2 min. 2 sec. C. Whitehead fell into the common error of making up all the deficit at once, with the result that he faded away over the last 300 yards and left G. W. Alderman to start 25 yards behind Cornes, which was as comfortable a position as if he had been 250. Cornes ran a 56 4-5 sec. first quarter, and then trotted home, saving as much energy as he could for his mile some twenty minutes away. The score was thus one all.

Tisdall's First Event.

Next the 480 yards hurdles and the first bow of R. M. N. Tisdall. Oxford had a well-balanced team, but Cambridge had an equally formidable array with about ten yards to spare; for that represents the Light Blue President's superiority over all the others.

Another good start. E. Cawston (Public Schools champion last year) just led W. G. Kalaugher (the New Zealander) at the end of the first stage in 16 2-5 sec.; J. O. Fielding returned 15 3-5 sec. to give Cambridge a three or four yards lead at half-distance, but this was all lost by J. St. L. Thornton getting away very slowly. Tisdall started perhaps a yard and a-half down, and for three hurdles there was the semblance of a race followed by an excellent exhibition. Cambridge won in 63 3-5 sec., Oxford returning 64 4-5 sec.

Oxford next gained their second and only other victory. Run in strings, it was impossible (owing to the necessary echelon formation) to tell what was happening until about 50 yards from the finish, when we saw C. K. Thacker trying pluckily to overhaul E. W. Goodwillie. Oxford won in 1 min. 29 3-5 sec., an average of 22 2-5 sec. per man, and the score was two events all.

Cornes v. Bryan Again.

Now came the key event—the Four Miles. I confess it, with all my Cambridge partisanship, I feared the Oxford team with its two super "anchor" men, J. F. Cornes and H. S. Townend. The first stage saw Cornes against Bryan—the former almost the acme of confidence compared with poor Bryan, who has masses of pluck, but who was doubtless recalling two previous defeats at the hands of his Oxford rival.

Cornes led for the first lap in 1 min. 25 4-5 sec., and then, to my surprise, Bryan took a hand. He led at the end of the second lap in 2 min. 58 sec. He led a quarter-mile from home, and he led down the back straight. "Now," we thought, "the famous Cornes spurt." It came 220 yards from home, but Bryan fought it off and still led. Effort number one successfully repelled. 180 yards to go, Cornes tries again. Bryan fights, but has to give way. They enter the straight, Cornes two or three yards up. "Well, that's pretty good, anyway, he won't increase it to more than ten." Not a bit of it. Bryan's legs and body must be aching, but the will is there, and with an effort like he made at Stamford Bridge last March, he forces himself towards the anxiously waiting Robins, and the two opponents finish together in 4 min. 24 sec.—wonderful time and a wonderful race. Well done, Bryan! J. E. Robins then runs his mile in 4 min. 29 sec. and Cambridge are over 12 seconds ahead. Two laps later Page has increased this to 18 seconds, and Townend decides to give his reserve the privilege of running the best part of 100 yards behind F. T. Horan and save himself for the quarter in the one mile relay, the last event of the afternoon.

The race has lost its interest until the announcer tells us and F. T. Horan that if he hurries he is "in sight of record"—he certainly wasn't by this time in sight of his opponent. Horan, obliging, complies with the request, and the record is duly beaten by nearly 10 sec., the four men averaging 4 min. 28 7-10 sec. per man. Excellent.

Tisdall Once More.

Cambridge thus led by three events to two They won the match almost immediately by a decisive victory in the low hurdles. J. O. Fielding (Cambridge) just led A. W. H. P. Norton over the first stage in 25 4-5 sec. E. Cawston then gave Cambridge a five-yard lead by returning 25 1-5 sec. R. K. Brown disappeared into the fog five yards ahead, and about half a minute later Tisdall emerged from the fog heaven knows how far ahead. He eased up over the last three hurdles, and, nevertheless, returned 25 1-5 sec. for his stage. Cambridge set up a new record of 1 min. 43 1-5 sec. Oxford returned 1 min. 45 2-5 sec. I am able to give the individual times owing to the kind help of an old colleague who stood at the other end with another watch.

Tisdall just took a six-minute breather, and then prepared to run the last stage of the one mile. Though Cambridge had already won, the race (or as much as the shades of night would allow us to see) was excellent. Oxford were inside. A. J. Gale (Cambridge) led J. Kell by four yards at the end of the first quarter in 53 sec. H. S. Townend then reeled off a 49 1-5 sec. quarter, to give Oxford a five-yard advantage. Mike Gutteridge making his first appearance of the afternoon and his final appearance for Cambridge reduced this deficit, running his quarter in just outside 50 sec., and R. M. N. Tisdall started off level with F. W. Fynn. The two ran level nearly the whole way round, and then once more Tisdall emerged triumphant from the gloom, crossing the line in 3 min. 23 4-5 sec., with Oxford 1 1-5 sec. behind.

So ended a thoroughly enjoyable meeting, with racing which never palled. Our best thanks to the announcer, J. N. Mason, whose inexhaustible politeness and wit kept the really large crowd in excellent humour from start to finish. Details:—

400 YARDS RELAY (4 x 100 yards).
(*Record: 38 2-5 sec. Oxford, 1928.*)
Wins to date: Oxford 2, Cambridge 3.

CAMBRIDGE: J. D. Wade (Christ's), J. Murray (Emmanuel), E. G. Legon (Emmanuel), and A. Munro (Pembroke), beat OXFORD: H. B. St. L. Carter (Lincoln), F. L. Hovde (B.N.C.), W. H. Vestey (Christ Church), and E. W. G. Goodwillie (Christ Church). Time, 39 sec.

880 YARDS RELAY (4 x 220 yards).
(*Record: 1 min. 28 2-5 sec. Oxford, 1928.*)
Wins to date: Oxford 8, Cambridge 3.

OXFORD: W. L. Lang (Christ Church), J. V. Oosthuizen (University), W. H. Vestey (Christ Church), and E. W. Goodwillie (Christ Church) beat CAMBRIDGE: J. D. Wade (Christ's), E. G. Legon (Emmanuel), A. Munro (Pembroke) and C. K. Thacker (King's). Time, 1 min. 29 sec.

ONE MILE RELAY (4 x 440 yards).
(*Record: 3 min. 23 sec. Oxford, 1928.*)
Wins to date: Oxford 4, Cambridge 7.

CAMBRIDGE: A. J. Gale (St. John's), C. Bicknell (Queens'), M. H. C. Gutteridge (Trinity Hall), and R. M. N. Tisdall (Caius) beat OXFORD: J. G. Kell (New College), H. S. Townend (B.N.C.), S. H. Skinner (Lincoln), and F. W. Fynn (Christ Church). Time, 3 min. 23 4-5 sec.

TWO MILES RELAY (4 x 880 yards).
(*Record: 7 min. 59 2-5 sec. Oxford, 1929.*)
Wins to date: Oxford 2, Cambridge 9.

OXFORD: H. S. Townend (B.N.C.), S. M. B. Wansey (New College), C. F. Jeffrey (Jesus), and J. F. Cornes (Corpus) beat CAMBRIDGE: C. J. Tucker (St. Catharine's), R. C. M. Owbridge (St. John's), C. Whitehead (Fitzwilliam House), and G. W. Alderman (Trinity Hall). Time, 8 min. 5 2-5 sec.

FOUR MILES RELAY (4 x 1 mile).
(*Record: 17 min. 50 2-5 sec. Cambridge, 1930.*)
Wins to date: Oxford 2, Cambridge 9.

CAMBRIDGE: T. B. L. Bryan (Christ's), J. E. Robins (Christ's), B. H. Page (Peterhouse), and F. T. Horan (Trinity Hall) beat OXFORD: J. F. Cornes (Corpus), C. D'O. Gowan (Hertford), J. J. Bond (Queen's), and J. W. Follows (St. Catharine's). Time, 17 min. 54 4-5 sec.

480 YARDS HURDLES RELAY (4 x 120 yards).
(*Record: 63 1-5 sec. Cambridge, 1926.*)
Wins to date: Oxford 5, Cambridge 6.

CAMBRIDGE: E. Cawston (Christ's), J. O. Fielding (Emmanuel), J. St. L. Thornton (Pembroke), and R. M. N. Tisdall (Caius) beat OXFORD: W. G. Kalaugher (Balliol), H. C. Koch (New College), P. T. Miller (Oriel), and R. A. Hewins (Christ Church). Time, 63 3-5 sec.

880 YARDS HURDLES RELAY (4 x 220 yards).
(*Record: 1 min. 43 1-5 sec. Cambridge, 1930.*)
Wins to date: Oxford 1, Cambridge 4.

CAMBRIDGE: J. O. Fielding (Queens'), E. Cawston (Pembroke), R. K. Brown (Trinity Hall), and R. M. Tisdall (Caius) beat OXFORD: A. H. W. P. Norton (New College), J. G. Barnes (Oriel), R. A. Hewins (Christ Church), and H. C. Koch (New College). Time, 1 min. 43 1-5 sec.

CROSS COUNTRY.

CAMBRIDGE WIN BY A POINT.

Cambridge University beat Holt's team over the Varsity course at Cambridge yesterday by the narrow margin of one point. The University filled the first two places with R. C. J. Goode (St. John's), the Blue, and C. W. Benson (Magdalene), who ran in together in 45 min. 24 sec., followed after an interval of ¾ min. by S. A. Tomlin (the Southern Counties champion) and T. Ferris (Royal Air Force and ex-Marathon champion), who finished together in 46 min. 9 sec. Seventeen runners finished and seven aside counted, giving the Light Blues the victory by 52 points to 53.

Order of finish:—R. C. J. Goode (St. John's and C. W. Benson (Magdalene), 45 min. 24 sec., equal, 1; S. A. Tomlin (Highgate H.) and S. Ferris (Wycombe Phœnix H.). 46 min. 9 sec., 3; O. J. Rooke (Sidney Sussex), 46 min. 17 sec., 5; W. H. Gross (Ilford A.C.), 46 min. 33 sec., 6; A. W. Penny (Belgrave H.) 46 min. 34 sec., 7.

ARMY BEAT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

Most of the Army runners who defeated Cambridge University at Colchester in the previous week opposed Oxford University at Bordon (Hants), and again victory rested with the military athletes, who scored fifty-one points against eighty-two. Sergt. R. R. Sutherland (3rd Carabiniers) who gained individual honours at Colchester, was also the first man home at Bordon, where he covered seven miles of heavy country in 41 min. 7 4-5 sec., to finish ahead of two team-mates in L.-Cpl. J. M. Sheppard and L.-Cpl. L. Andrews. C. T Mabey and N. B. Smellie, two Oxonians, ran in together in fourth place, but the Army's scoring complement of eight was complete when twelve runners had finished The leaders were:—

Sergt. R. R. Sutherland (3rd Carabiniers), 1; L/Cpl. J. M. Sheppard (2nd Beds and Herts Regt.), 2; L/Cpl. Andrews (2nd Royal Tank Corps), 3; C. T. Mabey (St. Edmund Hall, Oxford) and N. B. Smellie (New College, Oxford), equal, 4; Trooper A. A. Harris (11th Hussars), 6; G. T. Honniball (Brasenose, Oxford), 7; Pte. L. Belton (2nd East Surrey Regt.), 8; L/Sergt. A. Wakefield (Somerset L.I.), 9; Pte. W. Elwin (2nd Royal Tank Corps), 10; H. G. Proctor (Keble, Oxford), 11; L/Cpl. Morris (Royal Signals), 12.

ORION H. BEAT BLACKHEATH H.

In the annual "all-to-score" cross-country match between Orion H. and Blackheath H., over 7½ miles at Chingford, Orion were successful by a margin of 179 points. There were 139 runners, Orion providing a muster of 79 and Blackheath 60, and with 57 of each side scoring, Orion aggregated 3,231 points to their opponents' 3,410. The first dozen to finish were:

G. E. Ross (Orion), 45 min. 39 sec., 1; R. Cross (Blackheath), 46 min 3 sec., 2; R. C. Norton (Orion), 46 min 17 sec., 3; R G. Ries (Orion), 46 min. 22 sec., 4; A. G. Allen (Blackheath), 46 min. 39 sec., 5; D. F. Elgie (Orion), 46 min. 49 sec., 6; R. D Bell (Blackheath), 46 min. 52 sec., 7; W M. Norman (Blackheath), 46 min. 58 sec., 8; F C. Ager (Orion), 47 min 2 sec., 9; E. W. Smart (Orion), 47 min. 17 sec., 10; C. C. Noakes (Blackheath), 47 min. 27 sec. and C. L. Mobbs (Blackheath), 47 min 27 sec. equal 11.

ROYAL NAVY AND MARINES WIN.

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines cross-country runners visited Coulsdon and, in a match over a five miles course, defeated a South London Harriers' team by 140 points to 163. Owing to a late start the distance was reduced from 7½ miles. Twelve counted on each side, and the visitors gained five of the first seven places, supplying the individual winner in T. Grant, who covered the distance in 35 min. 21 sec.

BANKS RUNNERS.

Banks athletes were active over the South London Harriers' country at Coulsdon, when the National Provincial Bank S.C. decided their five miles' championship, which was won in easy fashion by R. W. S. Hadland, who beat C. A. Fox by 4 sec. Barclays Bank S.C. contested a match with the home club, in which the S.L.H. men, securing five of the first seven places, won with a total of 23 points against 32, but S. B. Hadley, of the Bank team, gained individual honours in 38 min. 21 sec. for a five miles' course.

UNITED HOSPITALS BEAT OXFORD UNIVERSITY "A."

United Hospitals defeated Oxford University "A" team in a cross-country match over 7½ miles at Oxford by 26 points to 29. The going was very heavy, rain having fallen continuously for nearly forty-eight hours, but H. B. C. Sandiford and T. R. Strong, the leading Hospitals runners, accomplished a good performance in covering the course in 46 min. 12 sec. They led from start to finish and crossed the line together, 300 yards ahead of T. S. Green, the winner of this year's Oxford Freshmen's race

WESTMINSTER BANK WIN.

Running eleven a side, with ten to score, Westminster Bank Sports Club defeated Southgate and Wood Green A.A. in a cross-country match over 5½ miles at Epsom Downs by 91 points to 123. The first six to finish were:—R. W. Nicholls (S. and W.G.), 33 min. 5 sec., 1; H. P. Foster (Westminster), 33 min. 7 sec., 2; J. O. Gates (Westminster), 33 min. 13 sec., 3; J. A. Kemp (Westminster), 33 min. 17 sec., 4; E. R. Todd (S. and W.G.), 33 min. 21 sec., 5; S. A. Fielding (S. and W.G.), 33 min. 27 sec., 6.

RANELAGH BEAT THAMES H. AND H.

Ranelagh Harriers defeated Thames Hare and Hounds, over the latter's six and a-half miles course at Roehampton, by 61 points to 110. Ranelagh packed well and finished their scoring nine in the first thirteen positions. First twelve to finish: A. C. Stansbury (Ranelagh) and L. W. Mellish (Ranelagh) 38 min. 33 sec., equal, 1; J. F. Roberts (Thames) and H. G. Smith-Spark (Thames), 39 min. 3 sec. equal, 3; N. B. Palmer (Ranelagh) and A. W. Godfrey (Ranelagh), 39 min. 46 sec., equal, 5; R. A. Grove (Ranelagh) and W. E. Calcutt (Ranelagh), 40 min. .06 sec., equal, 7; G. W. R. Robinson (Ranelagh) and A. R. M. Mills (Ranelagh), 40 min. 10 sec., equal, 9; R. E. Brown (Thames), 40 min. 30 sec., 11; J. H. Bell (Thames), 40 min. 38 sec., 12.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND BEAT READING A.C.

Although seven of their best men were running for the Army against Oxford University, the Aldershot Command C.C.R.C. defeated Reading A.C. over a 5½ miles course at Reading by 68 points against 120.

TRIAL EIGHT RACES

CAMBRIDGE INNOVATION.

HANDICAP EVENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

The Cambridge Trial Eights Race at Ely to-day resulted in a win by one and a-half lengths for B Crew, stroked by L. Luxton (Pembroke), the Australian swimming Half-Blue. A crew, stroked by R. B. F. Wylie (Clare), the Shrewsbury Freshman, in which were three old Blues, conceded B Crew three lengths start, but were unable to overcome this handicap, and, after slightly overlapping half a mile from the finish, they were unable to improve their position, and a good spurt by B crew, just on the post, when Luxton worked the stroke up to about thirty-eight, put the leading crew a few feet further ahead.

It is the first time that the trial eights race at Cambridge has been handicapped. The primary idea was that "A" crew represented a potential University crew, and that without a handicap the race would resolve itself into a procession. On the way down to the start it really looked as if "A" crew were three lengths better, for they paddled in taking style, and looked a superior crew all round. This, however, was not borne out in the race, but it is a moot point whether a level race would have resulted in a win by only a length for "A" crew. The object aimed at and achieved was to make both crews race the whole way, and this they did, for both crews went all out, and were practically rowed to a standstill.

Keenly Fought Race.

It is quite possible in a level race that "A" crew would have secured an early lead, and the others would have fallen further and further behind, with the result that at the finish the leading crew would be paddling and the losing crew would be struggling against an impossible handicap. As it was "A" crew were striving the whole time to overtake "B," and a keenly fought out race was the result.

The weather conditions were not too good, but infinitely better than seemed at one time probable. The crews had a fairly strong stream to contend with, but were assisted by a following wind. The times were good, "B" crew passing the post in 13 min. 56 sec., "A" crew taking 14 min. exactly. In the winning crew, three, five, and stroke were outstanding, and four in "A" crew came up to expectation. Wylie, who stroked "A" crew, although rowing with plenty of life and dash, did not prove such a good leader as Luxton in the other crew, who rowed with commendable judgment.

Water-Logged Boats.

There was a huge crowd to see the finish at Queen Adelaide Bridge, and among the Old Blues and rowing men present were T. A. Brocklebank, the president, P. Haig-Thomas, J. A. MacNabb, R. W. M. Arbuthnot, the coaches, J. Payne, J. C. Holcroft, R. Beesly, J. B. Collins, G. E. Tower, Old Blues, Sir Henry Howard and T. Anstey. Over twenty college crews rowed through from Cambridge, three coming to grief just before reaching Appleyard's boatyard owing to their being water-logged.

MR. WYLIE'S CREW.	st.	lb.
*D. Haig Thomas, Eton and Lady Margaret (bow)	11	10
F. M. Symonds, Bedford and Lady Margaret	11	10
C. J. S. Sergel, Monkton Combe and Clare	12	4
G. Gray, Bolton and Queens'	13	2
†D. St. J. Gogarty, Downside and Pembroke	12	8
*P. N. Carpmael, Oundle and Jesus	13	2
*H. R. N. Rickett, Eton and Third Trinity	12	8
R. B. F. Wylie, Shrewsbury and Clare (stroke)	12	7
†J. M. Ranking, Cheltenham and Pembroke (cox)	6	13

MR. LUXTON'S CREW.	st.	lb.
A. W. Anstey, Clifton and Jesus (bow)	11	4
F. S. R. Foster, Private and Selwyn	12	0
†R. H. H. Symonds, Bedford and Lady Margaret	12	0
R. F. Ohlsson, St. Andrews, S. Africa, and Jesus	13	0
J. I. Moore, Shrewsbury and Lady Margaret	12	11
T. M Russell, Shrewsbury and Clare	12	1
*W. A Prideaux, Eton and Third Trinity	12	6
L. Luxton, Melbourne, Australia, and Pembroke (stroke)	12	5
C. W. Eberstein, Wellington and Jesus (cox)	8	11

* A Blue. †An old Trial Cap.

OXFORD'S STIFF RACE.

"A" CREW SUPERIOR.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

It is doubtful whether a larger crowd has ever witnessed a University trial race than that which assembled at Henley yesterday afternoon, where the Oxford University Boat Club decided their Trial Eights race. This is an important preliminary step to selecting the crew to represent Oxford in next year's Boat Race. Whether the enormous attendance which gathered at Henley was indicative of increased interest in the fortunes of the Oxford crew or not may be difficult to say with any degree of certainty. The fact remains that the parking accommodation in the vicinity of the Leander Club was taxed to its utmost capacity by the number of motor-cars which came from various parts of the country. Naturally, there were many old Blues present, and Mr. D. E. Tinne, the president, had difficulty in finding room for all those who desired to follow the race from the launch. Although he used two launches, many people were compelled to be disappointed.

The president has been coaching A crew, and Mr. L. Clive, the secretary, has been looking after the progress of "B" crew. Unfortunately, R. A. J. Poole, last year's pair man, who has been rowing more or less regularly in B boat, suffered an indisposition on Friday which prevented him from taking part in the race. He has to undergo an operation before he can resume rowing. His place was taken by L. Clive, who thus was the only old Blue to row in either boat. He is a thoroughly hard-working oarsman, but, naturally, would not be as physically fit as those who had been rowing for several weeks past.

The crews had a fairly strong following wind. They rowed against a rather strong stream from Greenlands to near Henley Bridge, a distance of about one and a-half miles—a somewhat stiff ordeal considering the stage reached in the practice. The water was rough in places, and it was not surprising that there was a good deal of splashing.

"A" crew were taken off the mark at 33½ to the minute, their rivals rowing 35½. Even though rowing at the slower rate, "A" crew soon got the nose of their boat in front, and by the time they reached Temple Island they were rowing comfortably with half a length lead. They looked likely to increase that advantage until Mellor spurted, but his crew could get no nearer than half a length.

As the crews passed the barrier—a famous landmark known to all rowing men who take an interest in the practice of the crews and Henley Regatta—"A" crew were three-quarters of a length in front. Fawley Boathouse was reached after rowing 5 min. 50 sec., and although Mellor again spurted, his crew could make no appreciable headway. As they passed Remenham Club, "A" crew were rowing 28 to 32 by "B," but "A" crew had drawn clear at the mile, and went on to a comparatively easy victory by two lengths after rowing 10 min 2 sec.

Those who will have the responsibility of selecting the crew to row against Cambridge next year have no reason to be overcome with the difficulty of their task. It was obvious that there is sufficient material in the two boats from which a workmanlike crew can be built up. Milne-Watson, who stroked the winning crew, proved himself to be an oarsman who will not be flurried, and he always had his crew well under control. R. H. Dutton, one of the two men rowing who hail from overseas, should develop into an exceptionally useful No. 6. He is the right build, and his strength should be a valuable asset. When D. E. Tinne and Clive take their seats as training is resumed in the New Year, it is more than probable that Oxford will have a crew which will be a distinct improvement upon those which have represented them in several years previously.

Mellor tried his utmost to induce "B" crew to draw level on several occasions, but in view of the last-minute change it was not surprising that they were a little unsteady and lacking in rhythm. His crew had a slight advantage in the station over the last half-mile, inasmuch as

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HOCKEY.

MANY GAMES WASHED OUT.

LONDON UNIVERSITY BEATEN.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

November has had a bad ending so far as hockey cancellations are concerned, and following the curtailed programme of a week ago there was further interference yesterday when many games had to be scratched.

LONDON UNIVERSITY were more fortunate than Oxford and Cambridge, as they were able to play their match with the OLD KINGSTONIANS on the King's College ground at Mitcham. The Old Boys, however, proved too strong for the "Purples," who replied only once, through Gidney, to the five goals (Sharpley 3, Scogings, and Davies) of the visitors, who scored three in the first half.

A. D. Ogilvy, the Internationalist, and A. W. Woolley, the South and Sussex player, each scored twice for SPENCER, who, visiting CIVIL SERVICE at Chiswick, won by 4—0, after leading by 2—0 at the interval.

PROBABLES defeated POSSIBLES by 2 goals to 1 in the second Yorkshire trial match at York, where, after a goal-less first half, Chilman (York) and Westwood (Halifax) went through for the Probables and McLusky (Halifax) replied for the Possibles.

The Inter-University match between READING and CARDIFF, at Reading, ended in a victory for the visitors, who totalled four goals against Reading University's one, after the score had been one-all at the interval.

After sharing four goals at the half-way stage, SOUTHGATE defeated HAMPSTEAD, at Richmond, by five goals to two, S. H. Saville (2), J. Wonnacott (2), and C. S. Petheram netting the winners' goals, while R. L. Milstead obtained both the home team's points.

EAST GRINSTEAD, at home, beat BARNES by four goals to one, after leading at the interval by 1—0. Streeters (2), Collier and Barnes went through for the winners, while Westbury obtained the losers' solitary point.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY women entertained a team of county players, and, despite the heavy state of the ground, a good game ensued. The sides were level at the interval and still all square with but a few minutes to go, but in the last minute of the game OXFORDSHIRE obtained a goal to win by 4—3. Miss M. Knapp performed the hat-trick for the county, whose other goal was obtained by Miss Miller, while Miss Attenborough (2) and Miss Ross went through for the Varsity.

Having regard to the conditions, the pitch at Richmond, where RICHMOND and KINGSTON HILL opposed BLACKHEATH, was in excellent trim. J. C. Marsden, the Hampshire county representative, was the outstanding player on the field, for he obtained five of Richmond's six goals by which they beat Blackheath, who scored only once through Robins. W. R. Mathews scored the winners' other goal.

CANTERBURY beat FOLKESTONE OPTIMISTS A by 4 goals to 0 at Folkestone, where, also, the Optimists' first eleven lost to SOUTH SAXONS by 4—2. The Saxons combined well and netted twice within the space of ten minutes through Harding. The Optimists then took up the running, and, after putting two shots over the bar, Swinden scored, but Harding put the Saxons 2 up again. In the second half Faulkner went through for the Saxons, while Swinden replied for the home team.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

YORKSHIRE TRIAL (at York).			
Probables	2	Possibles	1
MEN'S MATCHES.			
Old Kingstonians	5	London Univ.	1
Spencer	4	Civil Service	0
Southampton	4	Salisbury	3
City of London M.H	6	Rochester	6
Polytechnic A	7	Britannic House	1
Westminster Bk. II.	6	Polytechnic II.	2
Hounslow III.	4	Crouch End III.	1
Polytechnic IV.	6	Westminster Bk. IV.	0
Hawks	10	Guildford	0
Cardiff University	4	Reading University	1
A.E.C.	5	Hanwell Hospital	3
Hornchurch	2	Goodmayes	0
Stanford-le-Hope	3	P.L.A.	0
Civil Service IV.	3	Spencer IV.	2
Metropolitan Police II.	2	Teddington III.	1
Spencer V.	4	Birkbeck College III.	1
Staff Coll. (Camberley	7	R.A.S.C	1
Richmond and K.H.	6	Blackheath	1
Southgate	5	Hampstead	2
East Grinstead	4	Barnes	1
South Saxons	4	Folkestone Optimists	2
Canterbury	4	Folkestone Op'im's A	0
R.A.F. (Hornchurch)	3	Old Southendians A	1
Lancashire	3	Durham	0
Croydon M.O.	6	Southern Railway	1
WOMEN'S MATCHES.			
St. Bank of S.A.	3	Midland Bank III.	2
East Reserves	4	West Reserves	0
Lancashire	4	Yorkshire	2
Northumberland II.	6	Durham II.	4
Surrey II.	4	Hampshire	1
Oxfordshire	4	Oxford University	3
Westminster Bank	4	Catford	3
Eastwood II.	2	Warrington II.	2
Folkestone Optimists	12	Dover	1
Weybridge	4	Old Ashfordians	4
Sussex	5	Middlesex	2

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they did not have to row against the full strength of the stream but this was not sufficient to counter-balance their own defects.

"A" CREW.	st.	lb.
J. M. Freeman (Charterhouse and University) (bow)	11	4½
C. A. Chadwyck-Healey (Eton and Trinity)	11	3
W. L. Garstang (Oundle and Trinity)	11	6½
M. G. Powell (Cheltenham and Trinity)	12	4
F. F. Platt-Mills (Victoria University N.Z. and Balliol)	13	4
R. H. Dutton (Australia and University)	14	1
W. C. Erskine-Crum (Eton and Christchurch)	12	2½
M. M. Milne-Watson (Eton and Balliol) (str.)	11	5½
T. E. Pritchard (Eton and Exeter) (cox)	8	0

"B" CREW.	st.	lb.
A. M. Emmet (Shrewsbury and University) (bow)	12	0
R. W. J. Holdsworth (Shrewsbury and Brasenose)	11	7
R. W. Aitken (Bedford and Exeter)	12	5
P. E. Tinne (Eton and University Coll.)	12	10½
L. Clive (Eton and Christchurch)	13	2
G. M. L. Smith (Winchester and Brasenose)	12	6½
J. A. Ellison (Westminster and New College)	11	6
C. de C. Mellor (Cheltenham and Pembroke) (stroke)	10	6
J. L. Lutwyche (Radley and Magdalen) (cox)	8	8

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA.

Next year's Henley Royal Regatta will take place from Wednesday, July 1, to Saturday, July 4, inclusive.

WEST END A.R.A. WINTER FOURS.

Five heats in the Winter Fours of the West End A.R.A. for the Robert Everett Cup were disposed of at Hammersmith yesterday under good conditions. The results were:—

DIVISION A.—Kildare R.C. (A. W. Robertson bow, E. Hayes, S. A. Spratt, W. Saunders str., and L. G. Darwin cox) w.o.; Victoria R.C absent.

DIVISION B.—Heat 1: Grove House R.C. (R. C. Clark, L. Turnill, A. W. Tarrant, W. L. C. Compton str., and S. F. Hunt cox) 1; Kensington-Argyll R.C. (R. Pike bow, A. G. Wheatley, J. Watson, H. Ehren str., H. Hopkins cox), 2. Won by two lengths. Heat 2: Arlington R.C. (P. J. Kearton bow J. Hasler, E. R. Fossey, C. Evans str., and C. B. Blake cox), 1; Victoria R.C. (E. Hulls bow J. Marshall, A. E. Ware, G. Chilton str., and A. Gernent cox), 2. Won easily.

DIVISION C.—Heat 1: Grove House R.C. (S. Luke bow, H. Fieldhouse, H. W. Woods, J. G. Standring str., and J. Booth cox), 1; Clarence R.C. (A. C. Prince bow H. J. Whitaker, G. Osborne C. E. Blake str., and G. Sanger cox), 2. Won by two lengths. Heat 2. Holborn R.C. (G. R. Johnson bow, G. Tresilgas, A. W. Buckland J. B. Butler str., and G. W. King cox), 1; Arlington R.C. (J. Phillips bow W. E. A. McBride, J. Grimaton, G. Robson str., and B. C. Barton cox), 2. Won by a length.

AURIOL R.C. SCULLING.

The Rum Tum Handicap of the Auriol R.C. at Hammersmith yesterday attracted half a dozen entries. R. G. West (scratch) proved an easy winner from J. Hoadley (8 sec.), who finished a length up on H. F. D. Irvine (18 sec.).

NORTH LONDON A.R.A. FOURS.

The North London A.R.A. Junior Winter Fours were rowed yesterday. Results:—

Heat 1: Britannia R.C., 1; Iris R.C., 2. Won by 3 lengths. Heat 2: Gladstone R.C., 1; Clapton Warwick R.C., 2. Won easily. Heat 3: Walthamstow Borough R.C., 1; Southgate Road R.C., 2. Won by 2½ lengths. Heat 4: Tiger R.C., 1; Excel R.C., 2. Won by ½ length. Heat 5: Borough of Hackney R.C., r.o.; Leytonstone R.C., absent.

THAMES A.R.A. LEAGUE FOURS.

The results in the second series of heats in the Thames A.R.A. Winter League Fours, rowed off at Barnes Bridge, were:—

SENIOR DIVISION.—Heat 1: Metropolitan Police (A. Div.), 1; Ace R.C., 2. Heat 2: Barnes and District R.C., 1; Lyons R.C., 2. Heat 3: Borough Polytechnic R.C., 1; Chiswick Generals R.C., 2.

JUNIOR DIVISION.—Heat 1: Metropolitan Ry. R.C., 1; Furnivall S.C., 2. Heat 2: City Police R.C., 1; Napier R.C., 2. Heat 3: Caxton R.C., 1; Weiner R.C., 2. Heat 4: Ace R.C., 1; Metropolitan Police (B. Div.), 2. Heat 5: Manx R.C., 1; L.G.O.C. R.C., 2. Heat 6: Chiswick Generals R.C., 1; Times R.C., 0.

GOLF.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT ROYAL WIMBLEDON.

A WONDERFUL ROUND.

Cambridge University began their last match of the term against Royal Wimbledon over that club's course yesterday in promising manner, for the Light Blues were successful in the Foursomes, which were curtailed to thirteen holes in view of the early dusk, by three games to two, with one halved.

The feature of the morning play was the fine recovery of G. M. Turner and H. L. Carr, two Cantabs who had been involved in a car smash en route to the course. Still feeling shaky, the Light Blues, as was expected, lost three of the first four holes against R. H. Pavitt and Major A. L. Foster, but then the Cantabs recovered splendidly and won the fifth in two and the sixth in three—both "birdies"—to become only one down. Turner and Row continued to produce first-class golf, and secured a well-deserved victory on the last green.

N. A. Keith and H. Martin Row, the most successful partnership of the Cambridge team, continued their winning sequence by beating F. L. Hird and H. W. D. Gallwey by 2 and 1. The Light Blues were two down with three holes played, and looked like losing the fourth, but were saved by a magnificent niblick shot by Row. The Cantabs did not take the lead until the twelfth, which they won in four, and another four at the long twelfth gave Keith and Row victory.

H. C. C. Tippet and R. M. McCallum, Wimbledon's representatives in the leading encounter, won the first three holes of their match against E. M. Prain, last year's Cambridge captain, and W. H. Bermingham, and, although the Cantabs made an attempt at recovery, they failed to draw level, and were beaten by 3 and 2.

H. C. Longhurst, the Light Blues' present leader, and W. C. Carr were two down with two to go in their match with E. C. Millard and T. M. Rogers, but the Cantabs won the last two holes to square. Longhurst almost secured a "one" at the fifth, the ball coming to rest but three inches from the pin.

Undergraduate's Amazing Golf.

Cambridge University secured an easy victory in the Singles by nine games to three, and thus won on the day's play by 12½ points to 5½. The afternoon play was characterised by the phenomenal golf produced by I. K. McRosty, the Cambridge "Blue," who, in his match with T. M. Rogers, accomplished the first nine holes in thirty strokes. Rarely has such golf been seen on the Royal Wimbledon course, for the first nine holes, possessing a bogey of 37, provides a difficult test. McRosty, however, could do nothing wrong.

Every tee shot and iron shot was played perfectly, and on only two occasions during the outward half was he called upon to hole long putts. His figures were: 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4=30 McRosty, who obtained a lead of six holes as a result of his miraculous play, secured an easy victory by 7 and 6.

In the leading match Prain defeated Millard by 5 and 4, after the contestants had been level for eight holes. Millard became unsettled when he missed a short putt to halve the ninth and lost the next four holes. Longhurst was 2 down at the sixth in his match with Hird, but then the local player became erratic in his short game, and lost six of the next seven holes. A similar collapse befell R. H. Pavitt, who was 1 up on Row at the fourth, but then lost five of the next six holes. The results were:—

FOURSOMES (13 holes).—H. C. C. Tippet and R. M. McCallum (3 and 2) beat E. M. Prain (Clare) and W. H. Bermingham (Sidney Sussex); E. C. Millard and T. M. Rogers halved with H. C. Longhurst (Clare) and W. C. Carr (Trinity); F. L. Hird and H. W. D Gallwey lost to N. A. Keith (Sidney Sussex) and H. M. Row (Jesus) (2 and 1); A. N. Harper and R. Hughes (2 and 1) beat I. K. McRosty (Clare) and H. W. Higginson (St. John's); R. H. Pavitt and Major A. L. Foster lost to G. M. Turner (St. John's) and H. L. Carr (Trinity) (1 hole); G. Scott-Graham and E. L. Clarke lost to R. S. Fletcher (Trinity Hall) and J. A. Smalley (St. Catherine's) (5 and 3).

SINGLES.—Millard lost to Prain (5 and 4); Hird lost to Longhurst (2 and 1); Tippet (3 and 1) beat Bermingham; Harper (3 and 1) beat W. C. Carr; McCallum lost to Keith (4 and 3); Rogers lost to McRosty (7 and 6); Pavitt lost to Row (6 and 5); Gallwey lost to Turner (1 up); Hughes lost to H. L. Carr (3 and 2); Scott-Graham (1 up) beat Higginson; Foster lost to Fletcher (4 and 3); Clarke lost to Smalley (3 and 2).

OXFORD LEAD THE LEAGUE.

A WONDERFUL ROUND.

Oxford University were to have contested a two days' match with a strong League team this week-end, but the recent heavy rains caused yesterday's play to be curtailed, the morning games being cancelled.

The afternoon play over the Southfield course took the form of a series of four-ball matches in which Oxford made a wonderful start by winning six of the eight games, and being also concerned in a halved match. The League's players included the amateur ex-champions, Robert Harris and Roger Wethered, the English champion, T. A. Bourn, Major C. O. Hezlet, and a number of old "Blues." Yet the Oxonians failed in but one match, that being the game in which S. Scheftel and A. B. Miller lost by a single hole against A. S. Bradshaw, a former Dark Blues' captain, and A. Lyle.

J. P. Marston, the Oxford captain, and J. R. Keen, the hon. secretary, gained a merited half in the leading game in which they were opposed by Hezlet and Bourn. After a close struggle for sixteen holes, the League pair appeared likely to take the honours when Hezlet secured a two at the seventeenth hole to make his side dormy, but the Oxonians won the last hole to save the game. The biggest winning margin of the day was registered by J. W. L. Adams and G. A. Loveday, the latter of whom was recently awarded his "blue." The Oxonians defeated R. H. Oppenheimer, another old Oxford captain, and Major G. C. Campbell by 5 and 4, and for the fourteen holes played were two under fours.

FOUR-BALL.—Major C. O. Hezlet and T. A. Bourn halved with J. P. Marston (Trinity) and J. R. Keen (Wadham); R. Harris and E. Martin-Smith lost to C. Sweeny (Wadham) and H. Scheftel (Balliol) (2 and 1); R. H. Oppenheimer and Major G. C. Campbell lost to J. W. L. Adams (Balliol) and G. A. Loveday (Magdalen) (5 and 4); R. H. Wethered and J. C. Masterman lost to E. G. Langford (Pembroke) and E. H. Moss (Trinity) (3 and 1), A. S. Bradshaw and A. Lyle (1 hole) beat S. Schefte (Christ Church) and A. B. Miller (Wadham), G. C. Stokoe and R. L. Sykes lost to A. G. Robinson (Queen's) and R. A. Smith (Merton) (4 and 3), C. F. Penruddock and R. W. A. Speed lost to G. L. Hartley (Magdalen) and E. M. Wellings (Christ Church) (2 and 1), T. P. Whitaker and P. C. Allen lost to E. L. Dunnett (Queen's) and A. F. Becher (New College) (1 hole).

CAMBRIDGE BLUE AWARDED.

H. Martin Row (Marlborough and Jesus), one of the reserves in last year's Inver-Varsity match, was yesterday invited by H C. Longhurst, the captain of the Cambridge University golf team, to play for the Light Blues in their match against Oxford University over the course of the Royal St. George's Club, at Sandwich, next March. Row is the most improved player in the Cambridge team this term, for, in addition to winning seven of his nine singles encounters, he, in partnership with N A. Keith, has figured on the winning side in eleven out of thirteen foursome matches.

SENIORS SUCCESSFUL.

The Senior Golfers' Society of Great Britain defeated the Caledonian Club Golfing Society by 4½ points to 2½ in a Singles match over the Bushey Hall Club's course.

CLUB COMPETITIONS.

BANSTEAD DOWNS.—S.M.—R. F. Ripley, 91—14=77.

BRAMSHOTT.—M.M.—E. L. Maiden, 104—24=80.

BROCKENHURST MANOR.—B.C.: Major Dawes, 5 down

BURHILL.—M.B.—Sen.: J. S. Wyllie (2) and H. W. Hele (10) tied at 2 down. Jun.: H. Button (18) 2 down.

CHISLEHURST.—N.M.M.: E. J. Johnson (15), 1 down

COODEN BEACH.—M.M.—H. W. Wells, 90—14=76; Lt. H. M Sheffield, R.N., 81—2=79; A. F. Blew, 88—9=79.

COOMBE HILL.—President's P., presented by the Rt. Hon the Earl of Birkenhead—W. E. Palmer 86—11=75; T. D. Bell, 93—18=75, tied. Weekly Competition.—Medal—E. A Helmore, 91—18=73.

CULVERDEN (TUNBRIDGE WELLS).—Culverden Cup.—Bogey: N. E. Giles (rec. 7), all square; L. N. Ure (rec. 11), 4 down.

FOXGROVE—M.M.—Senior: Dr. A. Flaherty (2), 2 up. Junior: J. Robertson (13), all square.

HOME PARK.—M.M.—Senior: J. S Physick, 80—5=75. Junior: B. Burdett, 85—11=74.

MOOR PARK.—M.M (on High Course).—Senior: H. R. Metcalfe, 82—3=79. Junior: H. C. Evans, 101—18=83.

NORTH MIDDLESEX.—M.C.—Senior: F. Walker, 85—12=73.

OLD OLD MANOR.—M.M.—Senior: P. R. Callard, 77—4=73. Junior: A. B. Hallinwell, 90—18=72.

ROEHAMPTON.—M.M.—Senior: E. F. Treen, 81—8=73. Junior: J. W. New. 91—15=76.

ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST.—"Yewhurst" Clubs: E. B. Tipping, 77; W. W. Bruce, 77, tied. M.M.: C. R. Graham, 81—12=69.

ROYAL CINQUE PORTS (DEAL).—M.B.: Carol Powers (2), 2 up; L. O. M. Munn (plus 1), 1 up; Brig. L. C. Lampen (16), 1 down.

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SQUASH RACKETS.

CAMBRIDGE DEFEAT QUEEN'S CLUB.

'VARSITY PROSPECTS.

By HUBERT WINTERBOTHAM.

Oxford and Cambridge meet in their annual squash rackets match at Queen's Club next Saturday, and so the matches played by Oxford against Queen's Club on Friday and by Cambridge yesterday were particularly interesting as indicative of the respective prospects.

Squash rackets at the Universities has, as everywhere else, made tremendous strides. Once the court has been provided, the game is so cheap that it is within the means of the slimmest purse. At Cambridge the value of the game has this year, for the first time, been recognised by the granting of a half-Blue. At Oxford this cachet has yet to be bestowed. Except on the first occasion, when "squash" was still more or less in a state of flux, Oxford has won on every occasion. This time Cambridge hopes of a success are running high.

Oxford defeated Queen's Club on Friday by three matches to two, and Cambridge went one better by winning by four matches to one yesterday. The Queen's side, however, which opposed Oxford, was, undoubtedly, considerably the stronger. The performance of the Oxford first string, E. M. Buzzard, in disposing of so strong and experienced a player as Frank Strawson without the loss of a game, was a really excellent one. Buzzard may not have much wrist, but he plays the "drop" well, and is very fit and reasonably fast on his feet.

D. S. Clarke, the Oxford No. 2, did nearly as well to beat the greatly improving J. D. P. Wheatley by three games to one. I. A. de H. Lyle was not severely tested by K. G. Collins. N. McCaskie and R. K. Tinkler lost to P. W. Le Gros and R. C. Greville respectively, but Tinkler is not likely to play against Cambridge. J. W. Kell will come in and, I understand, will play as second string.

The real value of the Cambridge v. Queen's match was considerably discounted by the fact that K. C. Gandar-Dower, the Cambridge first string, could not arrive until late, and so he played Colonel A. H. C. Kearsey, who, in the ordinary way, would probably have been Queen's Club's fourth string. Gandar-Dower won this match in three easy games, though they were closer than the score suggests, for if he is not as fast as he used to be, Colonel Kearsey has a deep knowledge of the game.

A Probable Champion.

Gandar-Dower is, in some quarters, expected very nearly to win the Amateur Squash Championship. He never will be a stylist, but he is a great deal more than what he used to be—a mere retriever of the ball—for he is now a maker of real strokes and has a very shrewd head for all ball games. Good as Buzzard looked against Strawson, one cannot visualise him beating Gandar-Dower.

B. W. Greenish, who beat a seasoned and experienced player in P. F. H. Pennell very easily after losing the first game, is a remarkable player. His style is awkward, but he has an excellent eye. He hits very hard indeed, but he can play the "drop" quite well, and his great reach enables him to get to nearly everything. Presumably he will oppose Kell, who will have to be very good indeed to win.

T. C. S. Haywood, the Cambridge third string, had to play all five games before defeating R. C. Greville. This was the prettiest match of the series, and both played delightful "squash." There was a lot of clever finessing in this match, and Haywood, a particularly neat player, generally came out top in these duels of arts, particularly towards the finish. Haywood will presumably meet Clarke, and this should prove an excellent match with possibly Clarke a narrow winner

R. G. Bullen could not strike his real form at all against Le Gros, and quite failed to kill the ball when an opportunity occurred. Bullen is the holder of the Northern Squash Rackets Championship, and we can look for better things from him than this. At the same time, he will have all his work cut out against his Oxford vis-a-vis, Lyle, but might just win.

Sir A. M. S. Bethune did not have a great deal to spare against J. P. Johnson, who has, so far, played most of his "squash" at the Wentworth Club, Virginia Water. Bethune was not very impressive yesterday, and is hardly likely to defeat N. McCaskie.

The match next week should be a close thing, with the prospects pointing to Cambridge just getting home by the odd event. Yesterday's results were:—

K. C. Gandar-Dower (Camb.) beat Col. A. H. C. Kearsey, 9—1, 9—2, 9—3.

B. W. Greenup (Camb.) beat P. F. H. Pennell, 5—9, 9—6, 9—0, 9—1.

T. C. S. Haywood (Camb.) beat R. C. Greville, 7—9, 9—0, 9—3, 6—9 9—1.

R. G. Bullen (Camb.) lost to P. W. Le Gros, 3—9, 4—9, 6—9.

Sir A. M. S. Bethune (Camb.) beat J. P. Johnson, 9—5, 5—9, 9—6, 9—7.

WIN FOR THE JESTERS.

The Jesters beat the R.M.A. Cadets in a squash rackets match at Woolwich yesterday by five events to none. Results:—

J. D. P. Wheatley (Jesters) beat D. I. Burnet, 9—4, 9—7, 9—1; Capt. J. N. Cheney (Jesters) beat W. A. R. Sumner, 7—9, 10—8, 9—5, 9—3; Comdr. C. A. Jershaw (Jesters) beat J. Denning, 8—10, 8—10, 9—4, 9—2, 9—5; J. N. S. Ridgers (Jesters) beat P. T. O'Brien-Butler, 9—7, 10—8, 8—10, 9—6; Capt. J. B. Hyde-Smith (Jesters) beat D. H. Dumbell, 9—0, 9—4, 9—6.

ETON FIELD GAME.

Eton College played their last field fixture of the season on the School field when they met Mr. A. W. Whitworth's eleven. Twelve a side was played and the result was a victory for the visitors by four points to nil. The Old Boys were an exceptionally strong team, and the School did splendidly to keep out their opponents as they did. The visitors kicked well and were very fast. The School worked very hard, but were defeated by a stronger side Five minutes after the start the Old Boys attacked, and Lort Phillips scored a rouge, which was not forced. On crossing over Mr. Whitworth's side had the better of the play, and the Rev. Graham-Campbell shot a goal. A ding-dong struggle followed, and although the Old Boys got on the line several times they could not score again.

Eton have done very well this season, and have five wins to their credit against threee defeats. Teams:—

ETON COLLEGE.—D. J. Graham-Campbell, L. D. Rawnsley, B. A. Johnston M. S. Gosling, J. N. Hogg, R. C. Watson, G. Cox, J. C. Atkinson-Clark, R. Page, C. H. Villiers J. H. Lane Fox, and W. M. Haseltine.

MR. A. W. WHITWORTH'S XI.—M. B. Burrows, G. C. Newman, D. W. Forbes, H. R. Norman, C. V. Watson-Gandy, E. H. Brownrigg, P. H. Lort Phillips, Rev. D. Graham-Campbell, Sir E. Bradford, W. R. Colquhoun, T. Erskine, and P. J. Horlick.

LONDON BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

MRS. BARRETT'S GREAT RECORD GONE.

Mrs. H. S. Uber won the Women's Singles London Badminton Championship at the Logan Club, Kensington, yesterday for the first time, by beating in the final Mrs. Barrett, the holder since 1924, by 13—14, 14—12, 11—2. In the second game Mrs. Barrett pulled up from 2—8 to 8—all, and in the set which followed she had the misfortune to serve three faults. This effort, however, tired her, and Mrs. Uber did much as she pleased in the final game, in which her attack was very severe and her defence very sound.

W. B. Jones, who will play for Wales against Scotland this week, beat K. G. Livingstone in a somewhat uninteresting Men's Singles final by 15—5, 15—6. This is Jones's first victory in this event.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Semi-final: L. Nichols and G. J. Fish beat J. W. A. Bonar and S. C. Minard 15—6, 15—5; F. Hodge and S. Jackson beat E. Phillipps and W. B. Jones 10—15, 15—9, 17—16. Final: Nichols and Fish beat Hodge and Jackson 15—5, 18—15.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Mrs. M. Barrett and Miss V. Elton (holders) beat Mrs. J. C. B. Nias and Miss C. M. Patten, 15—10, 15—11.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Final: F. Hodge and Mrs. H. S. Uber beat E. Phillipps and Miss B. Speaight 15—18, 15—10 15—10.

BRITISH BADMINTON WINS.

VICTORIA (B.C.), Saturday.

Sir G. A. Thomas and H. S. Uber, two members of the British badminton team, which is on a tour of Canada, easily defeated their opponents in matches here yesterday.

Both the Englishmen played against Victoria players, and both games were won in two straight sets.—Reuter's Special Service.

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ROYAL EASTBOURNE.—M.M.—Div. I.: Col. F. G Crompton, 74—4=70; Div. II.: Major C. C. Stone, 88—15=73 and C. Cooper, 90—17=73, and W. S. Booth, 91—18=73, tied.

ST. GEORGE'S HILL.—M B.—G. A. Wright (6), 1 down.

THAMES DITTON AND ESHER.—M.M. (9 holes)—Senior: A. R New (10), 33; N. C. A. Jacks (7), 34½ Junior: A. S. Toole (14), 34; J. C. Lamb (16), 35.

THORNDON PARK.—M.M.—Senior: S. A. Holyfield, 75—2=73 Junior: E. M. Gidden, 90—18=72.

WENTWORTH.—B.C.—F. J. Buckland (6), 3 up; F. Juler (12), all square.

WORPLESDON.—M.M.: Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, 74—2=72.

FENCING.

LONDON F.C. WIN EASILY.

OXFORD IN POOR FORM.

By LEON BERTRAND.

Save with the épée, Oxford University were unable to offer much resistance against the London Fencing Club in their three-weapon encounter at the latter's headquarters in Cleveland Row. With the duelling sword they outpointed their rivals by 5—4, but suffered heavy defeats with foil and sabre, losing 7—2 and 8—1 respectively.

This was my first opportunity this season of witnessing the Oxford University fencers in action. At present they are an immature combination, with the exception, of course, of F. J. Walter, and at this stage of the season I am slightly more impressed with the Cambridge swordsmen. The Varsity match, however, does not materialise until the end of February. *Nous verrons.*

At least it can be said that the undergraduates strove to fence stylishly, which means much these days where our men foilists are concerned. Oxford were soon in trouble, and at the end of the first round of the foil event were at a disadvantage of 3—0. Walter then broke the ice for his side with a win over F. G. Davis straightening on his opponents' attack to win 4—1. T. Ryves exploited the coupé movement to great effect to beat B. R. S. Houghton, and the amateur foil champion, J. Emrys Lloyd, assured the event for the home team in the next assault by disposing summarily of D. Lewis.

The épée bouts were spirited, but the flèche attack was all to prominent. Walter executed this movement successfully in opening the series with W. A. Evill and Houghton put Oxford two up when he arrived in time with a sword-hand hit against Count Ravelli. At the end of the fourth assault this lead was maintained. Two victories then fell to the Club through the agency of F. G. Davis, and Evill, who beat Houghton and J. E. H. Betteridge respectively, and so placed the teams on equality at 3 all.

The visitors went ahead again in the next bout, wherein Walter brought off an excellent binding riposte from sixte against Davis and Houghton make the event safe for them soon after by a well-executed disengagement to Evill's body.

As the figures suggest, the undergraduates were clearly outclassed with the cutting weapon. We saw Capt. G. L. Harry defeat Houghton, Evill beat Lewis on the last hit—a mighty cut at chest and Emrys Lloyd in his unaccustomed rôle of sabreur account for Betteridge. Houghton then scored at Evill's expense, but the tide—or rather I should say torrent—could not be stemmed. The remaining combats all went to the Club, leaving them easy victors. Details:

FOIL.—London F.C.: Emrys Lloyd, 3—0; Davis and Ryves, 2—1 Total, 7 wins. Oxford U.: Walter, 2—1; Houghton and Lewis, 0—3. 2 wins.

EPEE.—Oxford U.: Walter, 3—0; Houghton, 2—1; Betteridge, 0—3. 5 wins. London F.C.: Davis, 2—1; Evill and Count Ravelli, 1—2. 4 wins.

SABRE.—London F.C.: Emrys Lloyd and Capt. Harry, 3—0; Evill, 2—1. 8 wins. Oxford U.: Houghton, 1—2; Betteridge and Lewis, 0—3. 1 win.

A KEEN DUEL.

LAST FIGHT DECISION.

By M. POLLOCK-SMITH.

At St. Thomas' the home side defeated University College and Hospital by 14—13, after a close three-weapon match. The University won both foil and épée at 5—4, but the Hospital were much stronger in the sabre, and won 6—3, the concluding fight in which Clarke beat Browne, when the sides stood at 13 all, deciding the match.

Though a little robust, the foil was good, the epée was better, but the sabre poor.

The foil was thrustful throughout and lacked nothing in spirit, Williams's attacks being particularly good, while Critchley was the only one unbeaten.

Williams defeated Tombleson 3—1, to win the event for University College at 5—3, but Hearn reduced the margin by his bloodless win over Streatfield in the concluding assault.

The epée play was good, Pearson and Brée showing best concentration of the point, the latter's quick touch on Smith being particularly well judged. Smith's best hit was a lightning stop to Browne's forearm as he charged. Brée's neat touch on Arthur in the last duel won the event for the visitors at 5—4, and they opened the sabre with a 10—8 lead.

The play with the cutting weapon lacked construction. There were few phrases, though individual strokes were good. Smith scored some fine point attacks, and the feint-cut chest on preparation, with which Williams beat Clarke 3—2, was excellent.

FOIL.—University College and Hospital: J. A. Williams and J. C. M. Browne, each 2 wins; E. L. Streatfield, 1 win. Total, 5 wins. St. Thomas's Hospital: C. F. Critchley, 3 wins; S. W. Hearn, 1; J. O. L. Tombleson, 0. Total, 4 wins.

EPEE.—University College and Hospital: E. B. Pearson and C. G. Brée, each 2 wins; J. C. M. Browne, 1 win. Total, 5 wins. St. Thomas's Hospital: S. F. Smith, 2 wins; C. F. Critchley and H. R. Arthur, each 1. Total, 4 wins.

SABRE.—St. Thomas's Hospital: S. F. Smith, 3 wins; J. G. R. Clarke, 2; C. F. Critchley, 1. Total, 6 wins. University College and Hospital: J. A. Williams, 2 wins; J. C. M. Browne, 1; E. B. Pearson, 0. Total, 3 wins.

"MASKS" BEAT GUY'S.

The "Masks" visited and defeated Guy's Hospital in a three-weapon match by 19 wins to 8. Details:—

FOIL.—"Masks": Jackdaw and Screw each 3 wins; Perce, 1. Total, 7 wins. Guy's: E. L. Monkhouse and T. B. Pitts, each 1 win; S. Wright, 0. Total, 2 wins.

EPEE.—"Masks": Kaybee, 3 wins; Jackdaw and Screw each 2. Total, 7 wins. Guy's: E. L. Monkhouse, 2 wins; T. B. Pitts and A. Hodgkin, each 0. Total, 2 wins.

SABRE.—"Masks": Screw, 3 wins; Perce and Kayhee each 1. Total, 5 wins. Guy's: E. L. Monkhouse, 2 wins; D. H. Irish and S. Wright, each 1 win. Total, 4 wins.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY'S NARROW WIN.

Cambridge University gained a narrow victory over Stowe School in a three-weapon match at Stowe, when they proved successful by thirteen wins to twelve. The Cantabs took five of the nine bouts with the foil, but the School went ahead by winning the epée by five wins to two. With the sabre, however, the Varsity, thanks to R. J. Stewart, who won each of his three assaults, secured the match, for the Cantabs were successful in six of the nine fights. Results:—

FOIL.—Cambridge University: D. V. Morse 2 wins, N. Abercrombie 2 wins, and H. D. Walston 1 win; total, 5 wins.

Stowe School: G. A. Cheatle 2 wins, H. T. H. Bartlett 1 win, and A. R. W. Stansfeld 1 win; total, 4 wins.

EPEE.—Cambridge University: Morse 2 wins, Abercrombie 0 win, and R. J. Stewart 0 win; total, 2 wins.

Stowe School: Cheatle 3 wins, Bartlett 2 wins, R. F. Storey 0 win; total, 5 wins.

SABRE.—Cambridge University: Stewart 3 wins, H. R. A. Higgens 2 wins, and G. F. Wright 1 win; total, 6 wins.

Stowe School: Bartlett 2 wins, Cheatle 1 win, and J. T. Lilley 0 win; total, 3 wins.

WESTFIELD COLLEGE LOSE.

Tassart-Parkins entertained Westfield College in a four a-side women's match with the foil, when the visitors gained only three victories in the sixteen bouts. Details:—

TASSART PARKINS.—Miss E. Whittall (captain), 4 wins; Miss F. Rechnitzer, 2 wins 2 defeats; Miss U. Pickard, 3 wins 1 defeat; A. N. Other, 4 wins. Total, 13 wins 3 defeats.

WESTFIELD COLLEGE.—Miss E. C. Lodge (captain), 0 wins 4 defeats; Miss K. M. Lee, 1 win 3 defeats; Miss V. Ingham, 2 wins 2 degeats; Miss M. Redlich, 0 win 4 defeats. Total, 3 wins 13 defeats.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL BEAT MILL HILL SCHOOL.

Westminster School beat Mill Hill School, at Mill Hill, by nine defeats to nineteen. The winners began well by gaining an overwhelming success in the foil series by eight routs to one, and by winning the épée pool by two points, secured the match.

VICTORY FOR MANCHESTER WOMEN.

In a 5 a-side women's match at University College, Manchester University won by 14—11.

LACROSSE.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.			
Catford	3	Cambridge University	2
Hampstead	8	Willoughby	1
DIVISION II.			
Purley	3	Henry Thornton Sch.	2
DIVISION III.			
Buckhrust Hill II	6	Lee II.	5
CLUB MATCHES.			
Purley II.	7	Wallington	4
WESTERN CENTRE.			
Clifton South	10	Kingsweston	3
Clifton North	6	Keynsham	2
Brislington	8	Old Fairfieldians	3

RACKETS.

R. Aird and N. M. Ford beat Eton College (A. M. Hedley and A. M. Baerlein) by 16—14, 15—16, 14—17, 12—15, 15—7.

Rugby School (R. A. Gray and J. Garforth-Blis) beat J. H Plumtre and D. Stephens by 15—3, 5—15, 6—15, 12—15, 15—12, 15—7, 15—2.

Association Football.

ARSENAL'S GREAT RECOVERY AT CHELSEA.

EVERTON COLLAPSE—AMATEURS' POOR SHOW IN THE CUP.

WIMBLEDON AND DULWICH DRAW.

With the First Round of the Football Association Cup adding spice to football, yesterday's League programme was considerably curtailed. It was a disastrous day for visitors, only three managing to get major points.

After one of the most exciting games seen in London for many a long day, the Arsenal triumphed at Chelsea before a crowd numbering about 65,000. It was a remarkable match. Chelsea held the lead, and the balance of play territorially, for more than half the time. Then the Arsenal got their machine-like football going and five goals came to cause Chelsea's complete collapse.

It was a pity the weather called off the other big match at Villa Park, for Portsmouth are in rare form. The Wednesday swamped Blackpool and, once again, they are second to the Arsenal in the table.

Derby County fell heavily at Middlesbrough, where, in view of their record, they might have expected at least a point. It is apparent that Leeds United are a poor side.

For the first time this season Everton lost an away match. Bradford fully deserved to beat the leaders.

West Bromwich alone in the Second Division returned home the victors. They had inspired spells at Nottingham, where the Forest defence yielded on six occasions. To Charlton, too, must go a word of congratulation for drawing at Burnley. In all the other matches the home clubs had a clean sweep.

The only big surprise in the Cup-ties was Wimbledon's draw at Fulham. The amateurs had a stout defence. Ilford could do nothing with Brentford as visitors—except yield goals regularly. Dulwich held Newport to a draw at Dulwich.

Famous Cup fighters in Swindon Town passed out (at Norwich), but Coventry City surprised Northampton on the latter's ground, and Torquay got the only goal at Southend.

If it was a test of the Southern section's ability against the Northern, Notts County's 2—1 win at Chesterfield seems to settle an argument.

It was remarkable that there were only five draws in the thirty-four ties.

F.A. CUP.

The big fact about Wimbledon's draw at Fulham was that they deserved to win. The amateurs were superior to their professional brethren in everything but the art of keeping the other fellows out. They started with great confidence, and Dowden scored within ten minutes. The League club never seemed to recover from the audacity of the early onslaughts of these "outsiders," and though Price managed to equalise, there were periods when Wimbledon found they could do everything but score.

A record gate of ten thousand spectators and the memory of having refused to lose heart against much stronger opposition are the consolations Walthamstow Avenue have for Watford's visit and triumph. James scored three of Watford's five goals; the home club's solitary goal was obtained by Lewes in the second half.

Northampton appear to give their best displays away from home. They struggled hard against Coventry City, but their forwards were not so dangerous in front of goal as the visiting attack.

Good goalkeeping by Yates failed to save Northfleet from the onslaught of their stronger visitors, the men of Exeter City.

Goddard, the Queen's Park Rangers' centre-forward, returned after a long absence through injury, and quickly made his presence felt against luckless Thames. He made the openings for the two goals the amateur, J. C. Burns, scored for the home team in the first half. He followed up by scoring the third, and a fourth from a penalty.

Peterborough had a goal lead at the interval at Aldershot. Thom scored thrice for Aldershot subsequently, and they won 4—1. It was a fierce match at Walsall, and the game was always in the balance. Eyres got the only goal for Walsall in the first half.

A bad blunder by the Southend defence after an hour let in Trotter to score the goal which gave Torquay the right to enter the next round.

Taunton did well till the interval, the Palace only scoring once. But the visitors, once on the run, never had a chance. Simpson scored three of the Palace's six goals.

Brentford scored their first two goals against Ilford, while Drane, the visiting inside left, who had previously hit the Brentford post with a fine shot, was off the field with an injured leg. Dellow did not re-appear after the interval, and Ilford finished with ten men. W. Lane scored three of Brentford's six. Peplow scored for Ilford.

Gillingham outclassed Guildford City at Gillingham. Loasby, the home centre-forward, scored three of his side's seven goals.

Attwood, the ex-Everton centre, had a hat-trick for Bristol Rovers against Merthyr Town. Wood, the Clapton Orient goalkeeper, broke his collar-bone in the last few seconds of the match at Luton. Stern defence made the result a draw, a Luton back putting through his own goal to put the Orient level in the second half.

Although Newport led by two goals at the interval at Dulwich, the Hamlet refused to lose heart, and goals by Smith and Hugo enabled them to live to fight again at Newport. Yet Dulwich played the best part of the second half with only ten men, Smith having to retire suffering from concussion.

FIRST DIVISION.

Sheffield Wednesday gave another exhibition of the form that won them the championship title, and Blackpool were never "in the picture" at Sheffield. Hooper, the outside-right, who would play for England were it not for Crooks of Derby County, scored three of the Wednesday's seven goals.

Splendid goalkeeping by Middleton helped Sunderland to earn their point on Manchester United's ground.

With several centre-halves on their injured list, Derby County tried the experiment of putting Bedford, who has played centre-forward for England, at centre-half at Middlesbrough. Camsell scored twice, and when he was injured in the second half he changed places with Pease, the outside-right, who proved just as effective a leader, the goal he headed being a capital exposition of opportunism.

Superior footwork on a muddy pitch won West Ham their home victory over Leicester City. Although Leicester City presented the winners with their first goal—Osborne, the City left-back, put it through—the home club were the better side. Ruffell was very dangerous on the home left wing, his goal being the result of a clever piece of individualism.

Blackburn Rovers' win at Newcastle was their first away success of the season—and there was an element of luck about it. They were the better side in the first half, but the football Newcastle United played after the interval was worth a point.

Hodgson, the big inside-right from South Africa, again proved his value to Liverpool. He scored twice in five minutes in the first half against Sheffield United at Liverpool—both goals being the result of splendid first-time shots—and added a third after the interval. Sheffield United were clever in midfield, but their marksmanship was a long way below Liverpool's standard.

Leeds United, who have not won a match since October 25, seldom looked like winning at Grimsby. Poor marksmanship was again one of their chief failings.

Tait, Bolton Wanderers' new centre-forward from Manchester City, scored the first of the two goals by which his side beat Birmingham at Bolton. Furthermore, the second goal, scored by Blackmore, who has been moved to inside left, matured from his pass. A satisfactory début.

When Law got Chelsea's first-half goal with a penalty kick, the lead was deserved, for the home men had exerted more pressure in a game which always thrilled. Within a minute of the restart Jack equalised. Bastin made the pass and again, following a miskick by Millington, Bastin centred for Jack to put the Arsenal ahead.

Chelsea hit back hard, but in another quick dash Williams scored with the goalkeeper and Lambert mixed up on the ground. Jack got the fourth for the Arsenal with a great drive from an acute angle, and Lambert the last. Harper made some fine saves, and Jackson did well in the Chelsea centre. Quickness in parting with the ball and positioning was the Arsenal's secret.

SECOND DIVISION.

Millwall's forwards were better marksmen than the Plymouth Argyle attack at New Cross. The Argyle played some clever football, but their shooting was not good.

Bacon scored three of Reading's four against Bristol City at Reading. There was more wild kicking than good football.

Swansea Town led by a goal at the interval at Oldham, but the Athletic scored twice in the second half—and deserved their goals.

Nottingham Forest lost Barrington, their left-back early in the second half, which partly accounts for West Bromwich Albion's big victory at Nottingham.

Southampton played McIlwaine, a centre-half, at centre-forward against Barnsley, and he responded by scoring two of their three goals.

The Bury defence had a very unhappy first half at Stoke. First Harvey fumbled a shot from Liddle and Wilson took advantage of the situation and scored Stoke's first goal. Five minutes later Harvey ran out and Wilson put the ball through the empty goal. Then Chester, the Bury right back, added to the cup of misery by heading a goal for Stoke.

Lowton, the Wolverhampton Wanderers right back, can be a dangerous man with a free kick. He scored from one taken at twenty-five yards range against Cardiff City at Wolverhampton. The Wolves deserved their 4—1 victory.

Harper scored four of Tottenham Hotspur's five goals against Port Vale at Tottenham. The big score flattered the Spurs.

McClelland scored two of Preston North End's four against Bradford City at Preston.

RESULTS AND LEAGUE POSITIONS.

F.A. CUP.—FIRST ROUND.

Accrington Stan.	3	Lancaster Town	1
Aldershot	*4	Peterboro' and F. U.	1
Bristol Rovers	4	Merthyr Town	1
Carlisle United	3	New Brighton	1
Chesterfield	1	Notts County	2
Crewe Alex.	1	Jarrow	0
Crystal Pal.	6	Taunton Town	0
Dulwich Hamlet	2	Newport County	2
Folkestone	5	Sittingbourne	3
Fulham	1	Wimbledon	1
Gainsboro' T.	1	Scunthorpe United	0
Gillingham	7	Guildford	2
Halifax T.	2	Mansfield T.	2
Hartlepools Utd.	2	Stockport Co.	3
Ilford	1	Brentford	6
Lincoln City	8	Barrow	3
Luton Town	2	Clapton Orient	2
Nelson	4	Workington	0
Newark	2	Rotherham Utd.	1
Northfleet Utd.	0	Exeter City	3
Northampton T.	*1	Coventry City	2
Norwich City	2	Swindon Town	0
Q.P. Rangers	5	Thames	0
Scarborough	6	Rhyl Ath.	0
Rochdale	1	Doncaster Rovers	2
Southend United	0	Torquay United	1
Southport	4	Darlington	2
Tranmere Rovers	4	Gateshead	4
Tunbridge Wells R.	3	Kingstonian	0
Walsall	1	B'mouth and B. A.	0
Walthamstow A.	1	Watford	5
Wellington T.	0	Wombwell	0
Wrexham	2	Wigan Borough	0
York City	3	Gresley Rovers	1

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

Bradford	4	Everton	1
Burnley	1	Charlton Ath.	1
Millwall	4	Plymouth A.	1
Notts Forest	1	W. Brom. A.	6
Oldham Ath.	2	Swansea T.	1
Preston N.E.	4	Bradford City	2
Reading	4	Bristol City	1
Southampton	4	Barnsley	0
Stoke C.	3	Bury	1
Tottenham H.	5	Port Vale	0
Wolves	4	Cardiff City	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Everton	17	12	3	2	49	21	27
W. Brom. Albion	17	10	3	4	37	21	23
Preston N.E.	17	10	3	4	44	28	23
Burnley	17	9	5	3	42	33	23
Tottenham H.	17	10	2	5	47	22	22
Wolverhampton	17	11	0	6	43	26	22
Port Vale	17	9	2	6	36	29	20
Bradford	17	8	3	6	46	34	19
Bury	17	9	1	7	40	32	19
Southampton	17	7	5	5	24	21	19
Stoke City	17	8	3	6	28	29	19
Oldham Ath.	17	8	2	7	27	28	18
Swansea Town	17	5	5	7	24	32	15
Bristol City	17	6	2	9	21	38	14
Notts Forest	17	4	5	8	35	42	13
Charlton Ath.	17	5	3	9	25	39	13
Millwall	17	6	0	11	32	41	12
Barnsley	16	4	4	8	15	29	12
Bradford City	17	5	2	10	21	36	12
Cardiff City	18	4	3	11	25	37	11
Plymouth Argyle	17	3	3	11	21	36	9
Reading	17	4	1	12	20	48	9

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Birmingham Res.	4	Manchester U. Res.	0
Blackburn R. Res.	5	Aston Villa Res.	1
Blackpool Res.	0	Stoke C. Res.	0
Bury Res	3	Wolverh'ton W. Res.	2
Derby Co. Res.	5	Preston N.E. Res.	2
Everton Res.	0	Huddersfield T. Res.	6
Leeds U. Res.	8	Sheffield W. Res.	1
Manchester C. Res.	1	Bolton W. Res.	1
Sheffield U. Res.	7	Burnley Res.	3
Stockport Co. Res.	3	Liverpool Res.	2
West Brom. A. Res.	4	Oldham A. Res.	3

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Barnsley Res.	13	Mexborough	2
Bradford C. Res.	4	Chesterfield Res.	1
Frickley Col.	2	Boston	3
Grantham	4	Denaby U.	0
Loughborough	2	Notts F. Res.	1
Hull C. Res.	0	Bradford Res.	0
Grimsby T. Res.	4	Shirebrook	2

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

Bolton W.	2	Birmingham	0
Chelsea	1	Arsenal	5
Grimsby Town	2	Leeds United	0
Huddersfield	1	Manchester C.	1
Liverpool	6	Sheffield United	1
Manchester United	1	Sunderland	1
Middlesbrough	4	Derby County	1
Newcastle U.	2	Blackburn R.	3
Sheffield Wed.	7	Blackpool	1
West Ham U.	2	Leicester City	0

Aston Villa v. Portsmouth postponed, ground unfit.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Arsenal	17	12	4	1	52	26	28
Sheffield Wed.	17	10	5	2	43	23	25
Portsmouth	16	9	5	2	41	25	23
Derby County	17	8	6	3	40	29	22
West Ham Un.	17	8	5	4	41	32	21
Aston Villa	16	8	4	4	44	33	20
Huddersfield Town	17	6	7	4	39	32	19
Liverpool	16	8	2	6	39	35	18
Leicester City	17	8	2	7	39	42	18
Sheffield Un.	17	5	7	5	30	31	17
Chelsea	17	7	3	7	27	28	17
Manchester C.	17	6	4	7	28	31	16
Middlesbrough	17	6	4	7	32	39	16
Blackburn R.	17	6	3	8	37	36	15
Birmingham	17	4	7	6	28	28	15
Sunderland	17	4	6	7	33	41	14
Grimsby Town	17	6	1	10	30	29	13
Newcastle Un.	17	5	3	9	34	44	13
Bolton Wndrs.	16	5	3	8	22	32	13
Blackpool	17	4	5	8	30	49	13
Leeds United	17	4	2	11	33	41	10
Manchester Un.	17	1	2	14	22	58	4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
DIVISION I.

Aberdeen	4	G. Morton	0
Airdrieonians	2	Cowdenbeath	1
Ayr United	2	Motherwell	3
East Fife	4	Falkirk	4
Hamilton Acads.	1	Hibernians	0
Hearts	3	St. Mirren	1
Kilmarnock	2	Queen's Park	1
Leith Ath.	2	Partick Th.	1
G. Rangers	5	Clyde	1

Celtic v. Dundee postponed owing to fog.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Rangers	16	11	3	2	42	15	25
Celtic	15	10	4	1	47	19	24
Partick Thistle	16	11	1	4	42	20	23
Motherwell	16	9	5	2	42	25	23
Hearts	17	10	2	5	41	27	22
Cowdenbeath	17	10	2	5	30	21	22
Hamilton Acads.	18	9	3	6	29	19	21
Dundee	16	10	1	5	35	26	21
Airdrieonians	17	8	2	7	27	35	18
Aberdeen	18	8	1	9	34	30	17
Morton	16	8	1	7	34	39	17
Kilmarnock	17	7	1	9	28	29	15
St. Mirren	16	6	3	7	23	24	15
Falkirk	17	6	2	9	35	43	14
Clyde	17	5	3	9	28	35	13
Queen's Park	16	4	3	9	26	35	11
Leith Athletic	17	3	5	9	20	36	11
Hibernian	17	4	2	11	23	43	10
Ayr United	16	1	4	11	21	47	6
East Fife	17	1	2	14	22	61	4

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.
WESTERN SECTION.

Barry, T.	1	Swindon T. Res.	0
Llanelly	4	Torquay U. Res.	4
Exeter Res.	4	Bristol R. Res.	1

LONDON COMBINATION.
DIVISION I.

Arsenal Res.	6	Crystal Pal. Res.	1
C. Orient Res.	5	Brighton Res.	3
Cardiff C. Res.	0	Chelsea Res.	3
Charlton A. Res.	4	Southampton Res.	3
Coventry C. Res.	1	Luton Town Res.	1
Leicester C. Res.	5	Southend Res.	2
Swansea Res.	0	Millwall Res.	1
Portsmouth Res.	2	Reading Res.	3
Watford Res.	2	Tottenham H. Res.	2
Brentford Res.	7	Q.P. Rangers Res.	1

DIVISION II.

Bristol C. Res.	2	Norwich C. Res.	4
Bath City	2	Thames Res.	0

OXFORD WIN AT LAST.

ARMY BEATEN IN CLOSE GAME.

CLEVER FORWARDS.

Army 4, Oxford University 5.

For their annual match against the Army at Wealdstone Oxford University had the service of Bradshaw and Guise, who returned after injuries. About 800 spectators saw excellent football. Ansell gave Oxford the lead from Yemms' pass after twelve minutes' play. Jones added a second point after Morton had fumbled, while Haslewood obtained the third goal with a capital shot. The Army made several attacks, but were repelled.

Playing uphill, the Army, on resuming, pressed strongly, and in eleven minutes Harden scored, the ball glancing off the post. Jones replied for the University midway through the half from Benest's centre, but Harden speedily obtained Army's second goal. Jones hit the post, and Benest scored from the rebound. Izzard got another goal for the Service side, and Appleby registered their fourth point.

Halves Strengthened.

It must have been a source of satisfaction to Oxford that victory had rewarded their efforts at long last. The return, after enforced absence, of Bradshaw and Guise meant much. Bradshaw was clever throughout, and Guise supplied his left wing with well-directed passes. There was excellent understanding in the Varsity front line, of which Benest at outside-left, was especially good, and Jones was frequently "in the picture." Tidswell put in capital work in the opening half, and the lengthy Ricketts in goal, was responsible for brilliant saves—though his coolness appeared sometimes to be carried to excess.

As a whole, the Army display must be described as disappointing. Morton had a busy afternoon in goal, but his one failure to clear when the second item was scored may well be excused with such a greasy ball. Jones at left-back was responsible for some hard work, and Gerrard was the pick of the Service centre-line, Richards being "patchy," but improving towards the end.

The outstanding forward was, as with Oxford, the outside-left—Pte. Appleby (2nd Beds and Herts)—and he and Sergt. Knowles (of the Devons) proved easily the better wing. Harden, though he scored twice, missed a golden chance in the first half, and the forwards were far too prone to keep the ball close, instead of swinging it about on such heavy ground. Gibbs, who came in as inside-right, was far from a success. Yet it was a game that had its interest maintained till the very end, and in the semi-darkness it appeared quite likely that victory would be snatched from the grasp of the Varsity. Teams:—

THE ARMY.—Lce.-Cpl. H Morton (2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers); Sergt. S. A. Knight (Royal Army Pay Corps), Bomb. O. H. Jones (Royal Artillery); Pte. G. Sancaster (2nd Royal Berkshire Regt.), Cpl. C. Richards (1st K.O.S.B.), Cpl. E. D. Gerrard (5th Royal Tank Corps); Pte. W. J. Izzard (2nd Royal Tank Corps), Pte. Gibbs (R.A. Ord. Corps), Lce.-Cpl W. S. Harden (2nd Cheshire Regt.), Cpl. Knowles (Devon Regt.), and Pte. G. Appleby (2nd Beds. and Herts. Regt.).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—G. R. M. Ricketts (Winchester and Hertford): W. B. Goulding (Winchester and Christ Church), G. H. Tidswell (Highgate and Queen's); A. D. Garrow (Winchester and Corpus), W. H. Bradshaw (Malvern and Trinity), G. L. T. Guise (Winchester and Trinity); E. W. Yemm (Wyggeston and Queen's), J. N. Haslewood (Shrewsbury and Brasenose), G. S. Jones (King's School, Chester and St. Catherine's), G. T. L. Ansell (Steyning G.S. and Jesus), and H. V. Benest (Victoria College, Jersey, and Jesus).

F.A. AMATEUR CUP.—REPLAYED TIE.

Hitchin Town	3	Tufnell Park	0

A.F.A. JUNIOR CUP.

Occident	1	Alex. Park Res.	1
Ibis Res.	0	Midland Bk. Res.	4
Old Isleworthians R.	9	Old Elysians	1
Exiles	4	Alleyn O.B. Res.	2
Gaflac	2	Aquarius Res.	2
Norsemen Res.	5	Hastings and St. Leonards Res.	3
Old Latymerians Res.	3	Westminster Bk. Res.	1
Blackheath Wans.	5	British Dominions In.	3

ATHENIAN LEAGUE.

Barnet	2	Wealdstone	2
Bromley	5	Redhill	3
Cheshunt	0	Barking Town	12
Sutton United	0	Hayes	2

RESERVE SECTION.

Barking Town	11	Sutton United	0
Enfield	7	Walthamstow Avenue	3

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE.
DIVISION I.

Customs and Excise	6	Air Ministry	2
London Tel. Service	3	Agricola	1
Taxes	2	Board of Education	0

DIVISION II.

City Internal	2	Ministry of Health B	0
Land Registry	4	Board of Education II.	1

ESSEX A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.

Lloyds Sports Club	9	Marmion	1

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.

Clapton	5	Wycombe Wanderers	1
Casuals	1	Woking	2
St. Albans City	3	Leytonstone	1
Oxford City	2	Nunhead	0

KENT LEAGUE.

Chatham	4	R Marines	1
Dartford	5	Tilbury	0
Bexley Heath	2	Sheppey	3
Sittingbourne P.M.	6	R.N. Depot	2

KENT SENIOR CUP.
THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND.

Ashford	6	Maidstone	3
Canterbury Waverley	6	Chislet Colliery	1
Grays Thurrock	2	Callenders Ath.	2
Beckenham	2	Bexley	1

KENT AMATEUR LEAGUE.

Foots Cray	11	Beckenham	2
St. Mary's, Shortlands	2	Cray Valley Paper M.	4

LONDON LEAGUE.
PREMIER DIVISION.

Chelmsford	3	Finchley	4
Erith and Belvedere	5	Grays Ath.	2
Dagenham Town	4	Bostall Heath	1
Tooting Town	0	Romford	5
Walthamstow Grange	0	Cray Wanderers	3

SECOND DIVISION.

Brentwood Mental H.	9	Woolwich Polytechnic	3
Finchley	4	Chelmsford	2
Hendon Town	4	U.G.B.M. Sports	7
Leavesden Mental H.	1	Park Royal	4
Romford	2	Erith and Belvedere	0

LONDON SENIOR CUP.

Lyons Club	3	Tillings Ath.	0
Mitcham Wanders	10	Standard Telephones	0

MIDDLESEX A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.

Siemens	7	Winchmore Hill	2
Old Finchleians	3	Centymca	2
Northampton Poly. In.	1	Catford Wanderers	1

NEMEAN LEAGUE.

Winchmore Hill III.	3	Broomfield III.	4
Old Isleworthians	5	St. Albans, Fulham	2

OLD BOYS LEAGUE.

Old Tiffinians	3	Old Guildfordians	6
Old Stationers Res.	6	Old Coopers	1
Old Tiffinians A	1	Old Richmondians R.	6
Old Stationers B	7	Old Coopers Res.	2

PUBLIC SCHOOLS "SOCCER" RESULTS.

Malvern College	5	Shrewsbury School	2
Aldenham School	6	Westminster School	0
Bradfield College	0	Old Bradfieldians	4
Lancing College	3	St. Thomas's Hos.	2
Brentwood School	2	Old Ardinians	0
Ardingly College	3	Casuals A	5

SURREY A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.

Merton	5	Old Grammarians	1

SURREY SENIOR LEAGUE.

Leyland Motors	4	Addlestone	3
Dorking	1	Guildford	0

SURREY SENIOR CUP.

Beddington Corner	4	Godalming	3
Walton-on-Thames	0	West Norwood	2
Whyteleafe Albion	10	Wallington	1
Camberley and Yorkt'n	3	Epsom Town	3

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.

Old Lyonians	3	Midland Bank	3
Eastbourne	8	Aquarius	1
Crouch End Vam. R.	2	Highgate Res.	2
Toc H	3	Ibis	1
Kew Association	0	Norsemen	6
Cambridge Town	6	Barclays Bank	3
Civil Service	3	Lensbury	2
Hastings and St. Leonards	4	Carshalton	4
Lloyds Bank	5	Old Parkonians	0
Norsemen Res.	5	Hastings and St. Leonards Res.	3
Cuaco	1	N.P. Bank	3
Lensbury Res.	7	Britannic House Res.	0
Catford Wan. Res.	5	Eastbourne Res.	6
Ipswich Town	2	Bank of England	5
Alleyn Old Boys	3	East Grinstead	1

SOUTHERN COUNTIES AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Cornwall	1	Middlesex	8

SPARTAN LEAGUE.
PREMIER DIVISION.

Aylesbury United	1	Slough	4
Crittall Ath.	4	Brentwood and W.	2
Metropolitan Police	2	Maidenhead U.	1
Wood Green Town	2	Haywards (Enfield)	8

DIVISION I.

Apsley	1	Marlow	1
Hertford Town	5	Leagrave and Dist.	0

DIVISION II.—EASTERN SECTION.

Lea Bridge Gas	2	Hoddesdon Town	2
Waltham Comrades	3	Polytechnic	6
Welwyn Garden City	6	Apsley Res.	0

DIVISION II.—WESTERN SECTION.

Hounslow Res.	2	G.W.R.	4
R.A.F. (Uxbridge)	11	Willesden Poly.	3
Slough Res.	1	Farnham U.	3
Maidenhead U. Res.	5	R.A.F. (Halton)	4

CLUB MATCHES.

Brighton and H. A.	4	Corinthians	0
Army	4	Oxford Univ.	5
Lloyds R.C. Res.	8	H.A.C. Res.	0
Lloyds R.C. III.	2	Cat. Wand. III.	4
Leyton	2	Fulham Res.	3
Winchmore Hill Res.	2	Guildhall Res.	1
Lloyds Sports Club R.	8	H.A.C. Res.	0
Carshalton Res.	7	Old Hurstjohnians	5
Old Colfeians	7	Old Hamptonians	2
Old Collegians	1	Old Roans	0
Old Ardinians	5	Coutts Bank	3

CORINTHIANS LOSE AT BRIGHTON.

BEATEN BY FOUR CLEAR GOALS.

DOGGART'S GREAT SHOT.

Brighton and Hove 4, Corinthians 0.

The weather at Brighton, where the Corinthians provided the opposition, was dull, but when the game started there were 5,000 spectators present. Brighton opened in fine style and caused Baker many anxious moments. He was in continuous action for some time, and saved many hard shots brilliantly before McDonald beat him. The Corinthians replied with quick, open play, Hegan and Toppin going very near with fast shots. Kirkwood netted for the Albion, and Baker hurt a hand attempting to stop the shot. Knight had to deputise for him for some time. The Corinthians were playing strongly when the interval arrived.

Carruthers scored for the Albion, and at the other end the Corinthians swarmed round Webb, who was severely tested. Carruthers again beat Baker, after Brighton had forced the pace in the closing stages.

YESTERDAY'S ATTENDANCES.

The following are the attendance figures for the chief games in the First Round of the F.A. Cup and the First and Second Divisions of the League:—

CUP TIES.

Wrexham v. Wigan Borough	15,000
Chesterfield v. Notts County	14,000
Crystal Palace v. Taunton Town	14,000
Dulwich Hamlet v. Newport County	10,000
Fulham v. Wimbledon	10,000
Luton Town v. Clapton Orient	10,000
Norwich City v. Swindon Town	10,000
Walthamstow Avenue v. Watford	10,000

LEAGUE.

Chelsea v. Arsenal	65,000
Tottenham H. v. Port Vale	30,000
Liverpool v. Sheffield United	25,000
West Ham United v. Leicester City	25,000
Newcastle United v. Blackburn Rovers	20,000
Bradford v. Everton	20,000
Sheffield Wednesday v. Blackpool	18,000
Millwall v. Plymouth Argyle	15,000

R.M.C.'S HEAVY DEFEAT.

R.M.C. (Sandhurst) 2, Army (Officers) 8.

Playing at Sandhurst, the Royal Military College were outplayed by a side of Army Officers. They made several good attacks, but the Officers had the better of the game throughout. As a team the combination of the Officers was superior, and their shooting was excellent. Cooks (5), McCully, Barnard, and Carter scored for the Army, and Morgan and Davies-Scourfield netted for Sandhurst.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER.

Malvern 5, Shrewsbury 2.

Despite trying conditions the football reached a high standard at Malvern, where the home side beat Shrewsbury by 5 goals to 2. In the first half F. G. Hamilton and J. B. Aitchison scored for Malvern, and E. A. Barton and N. Foster for the visitors. Malvern had all the game after the interval, further goals being added by Aitchison, G. N. Crabtree, and Hamilton.

Ardingly School 3, Casuals A 5.

Although beaten at home by the Casuals A team, Ardingly School put up a good fight. The visitors scored two goals very quickly, but the School reduced the lead, and White, with a first time shot, made the score level. The visitors went ahead again after the interval and Beck added two goals for the School.

Aldenham 6, Westminster 0.

Aldenham, who were definitely the better side, especially forward, beat Westminster at Aldenham by six clear goals. F. W. Miller, D. G. Ide, and C. G. Smith scored in the first half. Smith, Ide, and J. M. Barrell added three more after the interval. Smith was very clever on the right wing.

F.A. CUP.—FIRST ROUND REPLAY.

WEDNESDAY.—Mansfield Town v. Halifax Town; Gateshead v. Tranmere Rovers; Wimbledon v. Fulham.

THURSDAY.—Newport Town v. Dulwich Hamlet; Wombwell v. Wellington.

LAWN TENNIS.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT TOURNEY.

AVORY WINS.

E. R. Avory and Miss J. C. Ridley won the Singles events in the Queen's Club Artificial Light tournament on covered courts last night. Avory beat the Portuguese champion, J. de Verda, by 8—6, 2—6, 6—3, and Miss Ridley defeated Mrs. J. B. Pittman, whom she has met on several occasions this year, by 6—3, 6—4.

The difficulties of playing in artificial light were observable often in late starting after the ball and the consequent inability to get behind it for strokes which normally would have been easy ones, and, more pronouncedly, the difficulty in taking service, with the ball coming from a height out of the gloom and not being so quickly sighted as an ordinary return.

There was, not unnaturally, a certain lack of confidence about the play of the two men, and Avory did not really settle down until the final set, when he became more aggressive than at any time during the match. De Verda is a neat rather than offensive player, but his high trajectory returns doubtless were designed to deceive when the ball was only really easy to sight when it was near the ground. De Verda did some excellent volleying on occasions, and the wonder was that he did not persevere more with these tactics. His habit of stiffening the wrist at the moment of impact for his volleys was not unlike Jean Borotra.

The first two games went with the service, and the next two against it. Then Avory, getting his length before de Verda, went ahead to 4—2. The Portuguese played beautifully in the next three games to overhaul his opponent. His volleying and well-placed overhead shots won him several points, and once, when Avory had been drawn up to the net, he made a perfect backhand passing stroke, playing it nearly on the half-volley, of which more was to be seen later. He could not clinch his 5—4 lead, and Avory went ahead at 6—5. De Verda was unlucky, after drawing level at 6 all, not to win the thirteenth game, being three times at 'vantage on his own service. Eventually Avory got a "net-cord" and won the game, and a similar piece of luck helped him to win the set.

After 2-all in the second set, de Verda was on top. Avory, in trying to increase the pace, made many mistakes, and the loss of his service in the sixth game practically decided that set. Avory won de Verda's service in the third game of the final set, and that, too, proved decisive. Though de Verda made many good strokes, particularly on the back-hand, he was less appreciative of the chances offered by a tentative stroke than his opponent.

Miss Ridley drove with much more confidence than Mrs. Pittman, her forehand drive being almost back to its old form, and she was not afraid to attack the service, which was a telling factor in her victory. Mrs. Pittman would have liked to volley more, but in essaying an attacking ground stroke she frequently failed, and her length was never so good as Miss Ridley's. As in the men's match, the loss of a service game proved fatal. Mrs. Pittman lost hers in the important seventh game of the second set, and though she later pulled up to 4—5, she lost a love game at the finish. Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: E. R. Avory beat J. de Verda 8—6, 2—6, 6—3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Miss J. C. Ridley beat Mrs. J. B. Pittman 6—3, 6—4.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: I. Aoki and R. Miki beat E. R. Avory and G. A. Barber 6—1, 7—5.

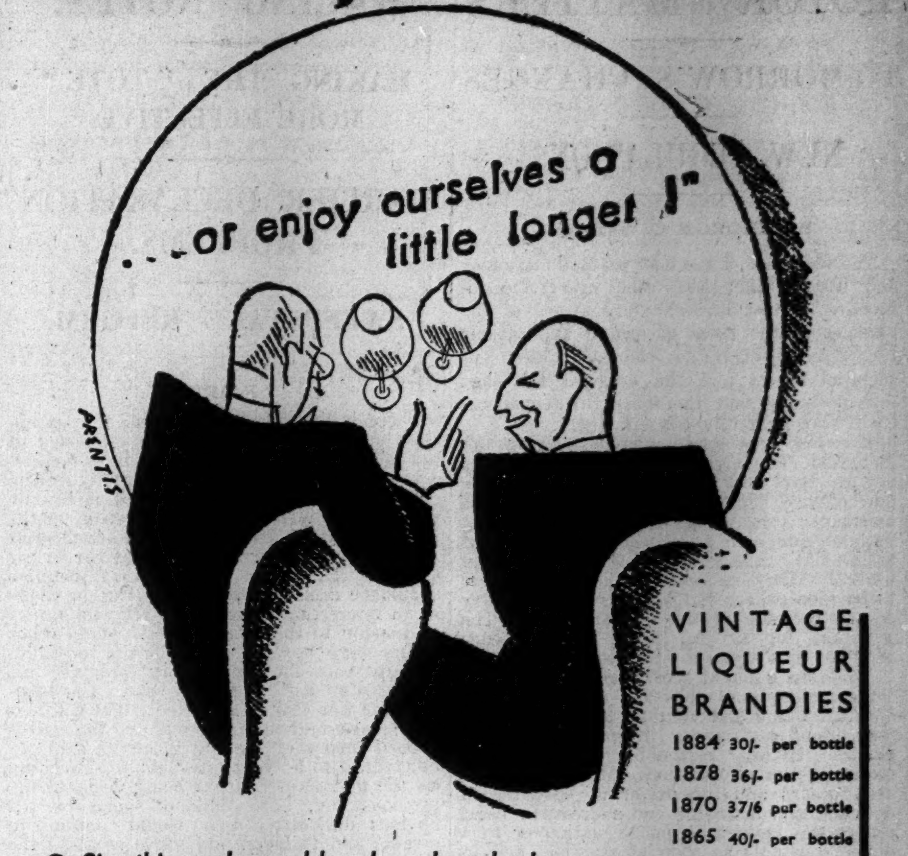
QUEEN'S CLUB BEAT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

Queen's Club beat Oxford University at West Kensington yesterday by three matches to two. Results:—M. A. Pugh (Queen's) beat R. A. Lyle, 8—6, 6—8, 8—6; T. C. Gifford (Queen's) lost to W. D. Evans, 0—8, 4—8; E. L. Phillips (Queen's) lost to the Rev. M. R. Ridley, 0—8, 3—8; P. D. Lindsay (Queen's) beat G. H. Hardy, 7—8, 8—3, 8—6; M. Wordsworth (Queen's) beat L. Still, 8—3, 8—4.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Stock Exchange had a busy afternoon on the City Ranges. T. B. Welford, A. E. McKemess, F. P. Moseley, and R. Crump, who each scored 99 points, tied in the spoon shoot. The time-limit contest was won by E. A. Hankins, 99 points. R. A. Coleman, 99 points, was the top scorer in the contest for the trustees' and managers' prizes. There was a dead-heat between the Stock Exchange A team and Stoke Newington, each side scoring 586 points. The Stock Exchange C team beat Liverpool Street by 559 points to 558.

shall we join the ladies—



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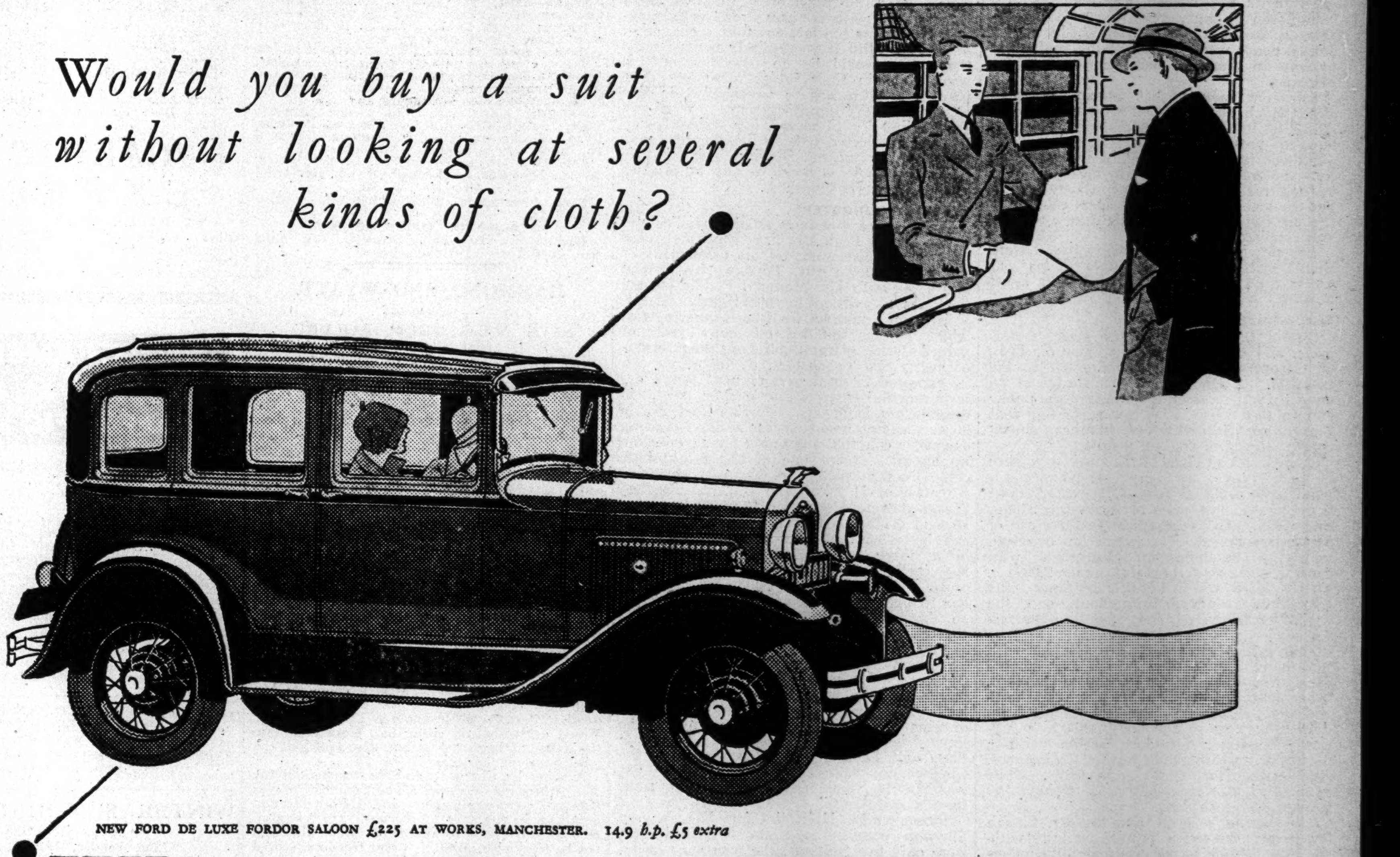

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MOTOR MATTERS

TO-MORROW'S CHANGES

NEW REGULATIONS.

By GEORGE C. STEAD.

The first part of the new regulations under the Road Traffic Act come into force to-morrow. Most motorists are aware of the changes in the rules governing applications for licences—such as the declaration of physical fitness and the eyesight test—but not all know that there are further alterations which directly concern them.

The penalties for dangerous driving are increased, while anyone charged with this offence may elect to be tried by jury. The new offence, "careless driving," comes into existence, this being defined as "Driving without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other road users." Many examples of this offence were to be seen on the Brighton road last Sunday on the occasion of the veterans' run. The penalties for driving under the influence of drink or drugs are increased.

When an accident occurs, causing damage, the car must be stopped and the driver must give his name and address, also that of the owner, and car number, if requested by any person having reasonable grounds for requiring the information. If such an accident occurs and the driver for any reason does not give his name and address, he must report the facts to a police station or to a police constable as soon as possible, and in any case within twenty-four hours.

Motor cyclists may carry only one pillion rider, who must be seated astride on a proper seat. "Joy riding" now becomes an offence, and there cannot now be unauthorised borrowing of cars. It will be an offence to take hold of or get on a motor car when in motion for the purpose of being drawn or carried, or to get on a motor vehicle on the road or a parking place, or to tamper with the brakes or other part of the mechanism.

Any person who promotes or takes part in a race or speed trial on a public highway is liable to a penalty.

The further section of the Act dealing with compulsory third-party insurance and the abolition of the speed limit comes into force on January 1.

PRESSED STEEL.

Pressed steel first came into the motoring vocabulary in connection with frames. When tubes, wood, and strengthening steel plates were employed by the majority of makers the manufacturer was proud to state that the frame of his car was of "pressed steel." This type of construction consists in taking a flat sheet of steel and squeezing it into a die until it becomes the shape desired.

Since the first days of the pressed steel frame the shaping of cold metal by pressure has made enormous advances. To-day not only the frame, but the body, the wings, the valances, the running-boards, and a hundred other parts of the car can be made by the seemingly simple process of taking a flat sheet of steel and squeezing it to the desired shape.

Anyone who has visited the works of the Pressed Steel Company of Great Britain, Ltd., must come away with a feeling of awe. The presses employed can only be described as titanic. Imagine a plate of steel placed in the maws of the machine. The operator moves a small lever and the press descends remorselessly. First, it grips the plate in place, and then proceeds with a heart-stopping crunch to shape the sheet to the form desired. When the press has again risen the finished part is revealed.

Take the modern saloon body. It will be news to most motorists that this consists of only four main pressings. For instance, the whole of the back panelling is done at one operation, the sides in another, and the complete door at one press.

Further when the body is assembled, these constituents are welded together, the join being even stronger than the metal itself. Thus a finished pressed steel body is one homogeneous whole, strong, light, and ready to take any form of paintwork or cellulose painting.

This new industry has demanded special steel, which has been met with the greatest efficiency by British steelmakers. The cost of the presses and dies is, of course, enormous, and it is therefore impossible to have a steel body "made to measure," but to those makers who have a considerable output the steel body offers the ideal solution of the problems of strength, lightness, appearance, and cost.

Anyone interested in pressed steelwork should write to the Pressed Steel Company at Cowley, Oxford, for a copy of their latest booklet.

THE SINGER SUPER SIX.

One of the pioneers of the cycle, motor-cycle, and car trades, Singer and Co., Ltd., of Coventry, need no introduction to the motorist. A firm which has always in an uncanny way foreseen the wants of the public and fulfilled them, it is not surprising that Singers are one of the few who have shown consistently good trading results.

Their latest product is the most expensive of their range, a 16-h.p. six-cylinder car which sells complete with a five-seater saloon body for the low price of £340—the Singer Super Six. The mechanical features are of particular interest. The engine has overhead valves, a seven-bearing crankshaft with damper, and a capacity of just under 2,000 c.c. Fuel is fed to the carburetter by pump, the lubrication is forced throughout, and the engine temperature is controlled by a thermostat.

Four speeds and reverse are provided with right-hand change; the brakes are vacuum assisted, and the Marles steering is standard. Other items of equipment are hydraulic shock-absorbers, chromium finish and bumper bars.

Turning now to the body, this is a full-sized five-seater four-door saloon, with a particularly weathertight form of sliding roof. Real leather forms the upholstery, while ventilation in wet weather is secured by louvres over each door.

The running is good, and the car, though low-geared, can touch its mile a minute without fuss. While a good top-gear hill-climber, an intelligent use of the gears produces striking results. The riding comfort is excellent, the steering and brakes could not be improved, while the appearance is far in advance of what one would expect from a car at this figure.

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THE SHEFFIELD SHIELD.

STODGY BATTING BY QUEENSLAND AGAINST NEW SOUTH WALES.

BRISBANE, Saturday.

Hot weather favoured the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and Queensland to-day. The batsmen were decidedly on top and the score, which stood at 414 for 5, was carried to 566. The nnings lasted seven hours and a-quarter. McCabe carried his not out score of 42 to 161 before he was bowled by Gilbert, the Aboriginal fast bowler, who is a new "discovery." McCabe batted 155 minutes and hit twenty-four 4's.

The Queensland batting was very stodgy. Gough was unenterprising, taking three and a-half hours in scoring 93 not out. Five minutes before time bad light interfered with the play, and stumps were drawn. Score:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.—A. Jackson, b Hurwood 23; A. Fairfax, lbw b Hurwood, 3; W. Bill, c and b Gilbert, 153; A. F. Kippax, c Thurlow b Thompson, 158; S. McCabe, b Gilbert, 161; A. Allsopp, c Oxenham b Hurwood, 0; H. S. Love, b Gilbert 24; H. Hooker, b Oxenham, 6; W. Hunt b Gilbert, 0; H. Chilvers, c Gough b Oxenham, 24; G. Stewart not out 1; extras, 13—total, 566.

QUEENSLAND.—First Innings.—K. Mossop, b Chilvers, 12; F. J. Gough, not out, 93; — Biggs, c Love b McCabe, 16; F. C. Thompson, not out, 37; extras, 8—total (2 wkts), 166.—Reuter's Special Service.

TATE'S KNEE PRACTICALLY BETTER.

JOHANNESBURG, Saturday.

The injury to Tate's knee is practically better, and he will be fit to play after a short rest.—Reuter's Special Service.

RACING NOTES.

MAKING THE "TOTE" MORE EFFECTIVE.

EARLIER DECLARATION PROBLEMS.

SWEEPSTAKE REFORM.

By "FAIRWAY."

There is little doubt that with few exceptions everybody in the country interested in racing wants the Totalisator to be a success. And as the Jockey Club has carefully nursed it from its inception, having led it by the hand, as it were, over all the rocky paths in its first year, we are entitled to think that they, least of all, will turn a deaf ear to Sir Clement Hindley's request that runners should be declared overnight. This he made in an interesting speech last week at a dinner in London to the racing Press. Many other points were brought out, and the most important was the satisfactory progress his organisation had made this year. The turnover for the year is expected slightly to exceed three millions, and without the assistance of many of the big meetings this can be claimed to be very satisfactory. Touching on the matter of runners being declared the previous day, Lord Zetland spoke of the obvious difficulties this would present to owners and trainers, and while creating the impression that the suggestion would no doubt receive sympathetic hearing by the Jockey Club, thought it would take some time to bring into operation.

Now, there is not the slightest doubt why Sir Clement Hindley is anxious to get his scheme going, for it appears that the present state of affairs incurs great expense through having to allow for a list of horses numbering from one to eighty. At least two-thirds of this number are certain to be absentees. Yet the fact that they are on the list makes it necessary almost to double the cost of the installation of machinery and adds considerably to the daily expenditure. Against this, most trainers are opposed, for, as they say, "it is by no means easy to guarantee that any horse will be able to compete." The scheme, if operated, would throw upon them additional responsibility which few wish to take on. There are exceptions in the ranks of owners and trainers, and some go even as far as to say that runners are more or less declared at present.

SOUNDING THE OWNERS.

We can be sure that little time will be lost now in getting into close touch with all owners, so as to get their views on the subject, for, as I have said, having been chiefly responsible for the introduction of the machine and seen how much good it has done for the game, the Jockey Club are hardly likely to stand aside at this stage when it needs but this slight additional help to make it a complete success. It was most satisfactory to hear from the Control Board's chairman that everything in connection with his organisation is going so well.

The probable effect upon racing of lotteries has been given much thought by the stewards. Lord Zetland, at the meeting of the Jockey Club last week, referred to the sweepstakes which had taken place on the Manchester November Handicap. They regard the provision of large prizes for runners, as distinct from entries, as objectionable for an obvious reason, and they trust, therefore, that those who organise lotteries in the future will co-operate in an endeavour to safeguard the interests of the sport. On this point, the stewards and all who have the interests of racing at heart need have no fear, for it would serve no useful purpose to those who propose running big sweepstakes to do anything not in the best taste. When the lottery on the November Handicap was first proposed, and it was seen that there would be a different prize for the ticket holders of runners compared with non-starters, it was too late to effect a change of conditions. But it was quickly make known that there would be no repetition of this weak point in their future schemes. The position with regard to sweepstakes in this country is very unsatisfactory. What we are heading for, of course, is a series of such lotteries conducted outside the country, each organised by an enterprising body that is likely to benefit as much as any hospital as may be concerned with it.

CLASSIC YOUNGSTERS.

In his retiring year as official handicapper to the Jockey Club Mr. T. F. Dawkins caused no surprise last week by his assessment of Sir Abe Bailey's colt, Portlaw, by placing him along with Mr. Marshall Field's Jacopo, for it is a position he has rightly earned. It is a more instructive Free Handicap with which he has rounded off many years of valued service by framing the relative positions of nearly 200 youngsters, all of whom can be expected to form part of next year's entertainments from classic events down to second-class handicaps. Portlaw met nearly all the leading two-year-olds without tackling Jacopo, a colt that accounted for all he came up against, except one of the Stockbridge colts, Doctor Dolittle, to whom he conceded a matter of 11 lb. in the Imperial Produce Stakes at Kempton Park. It must, however, be said of Jacopo that his best performance can be rated the equal of Portlaw's. His other three outings were successful, and they included most stylish displays at Ascot and Goodwood. As a result, Mr. Dawkins has thought fit to place these two youngsters on the same mark. The best performance that Sir Abe Bailey's colt put up was his victory in the Middle Park Stakes, in which he beat the smart French-bred colt, Goyescas. It was a wind-up of a most promising year, which did not begin any too well. The most impressive part of his series of wins was the amount of improvement he showed each outing. When he beat Turtle Soup and Lemnarchus at Doncaster in the Champagne Stakes, the impression he left was that he would never be anything more than a sprinter.

Subsequently, H.H. the Aga Khan's grey filly won a couple of races, and if the distances were only five furlongs, she won very easily. It may be proved next year that Portlaw has not the stamina as others of his class, and that his easy victory over Goyescas flatters him a good deal. But I see no reason why the colt should be robbed of the honour which is rightly his until such time as he fails, for truly none could have won in more convincing style than he did at Newmarket last month. It was, of course, this colt that helped Mr. Atte Persse to enjoy a wonderfully successful year with his juveniles by contributing no less than £8,754 towards the £50,000 that he won in stakes, which placed him at the top of the trainers' list.

SELECTIONS.

The jumping season has started with a swing, and promises to be as bright this week as it was last. I append a few fancies:—

LEICESTER.—Monday.
Broxhills Chase.—TAMASHA.
Montrose Hurdle.—RONDEAU.
December Hurdle.—PERSIAN PRINCE.

LEICESTER.—Tuesday.
Sileby Handicap Chase.—GEORGINATOWN.
Quorn Hunt Chase.—EASTER HERO.
Leicester Handicap Hurdle.—LENGLEN.

GATWICK.—Wednesday.
Three-Year-Old Hurdle.—VIVACIOUS.
Pegasus Handicap Chase.—PAMPERER.
Croydon Handicap Hurdle.—MICHAELMAS DAY.

GATWICK.—Thursday.
Wickham Handicap Chase.—RENDER.
Moderate Handicap Hurdle.—BOOMLET.

SANDOWN PARK.—Friday.
Annual Handicap Hurdle.—MICHAELMAS DAY.
Three-Year-Old Hurdle.—STEP FORWARD.
Ewell Handicap Chase.—HAREWOOD.

SANDOWN PARK.—Saturday.
Sandown Handicap Chase. — GIB (or BALLASPORT).
December Handicap Hurdle.—NUMIDE.
Pond Handicap Chase.—KAKUSHIN.

Yesterday's Racing.

OUTSIDERS DO WELL.

LEWENDON AND LUCIDOR DEAD-HEAT.

ANNALY'S POOR ATTEMPT.

FROM OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.

NEWBURY, Saturday.

One of the fascinations of the winter sport is that it brings together the good class and the moderate performers of the past flat season. Lord Rosebery's Annaly was introduced to hurdling in the Juvenile Hurdle, but in spite of the reputation he built up for himself on the flat, he failed to hold off Denison, who, under Jockey Club Rules, would not be thought in the same class.

In addition to Annaly, George Duller also saddled Centaur, who ran well, but failed to find any finishing speed. Of the others the best performance was put up by Irish Monarch, who shaped well. Pat Donoghue rode Annaly tenderly, waiting until close home for his effort, but he could not get the better of R. Morgan on Denison. Details:—

1.0.—YATESBURY (S.) HURDLE (£150) (2m.).
Happison (Mrs. Peacock), br g by Hapsburg—Cymar, 3yrs., 10st-5 ...... (Mr. Whitfield) 1
Cabman (Maj. Musker), b g by Sir Rowland—Noble Queen, 5yrs., 12st ...... (Pringle) 2
Gartly (Mr. Dyke Dennis), br g by Star and Garter—Bellegard, 6yrs., 12st ... (Piggott) 3
Also ran: Roquefort, Theology, San Marino, Rathnally, Tiber. (Winner trained by Rennison.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—7 to 2 agst Gartly, Cabman, 9 to 2 Theology, Tiber, 5 to 1 Rathnally, 100 to 8 HAPPISON and others. ½l., same.
Tote (2s. stake).—Win, 20s.; places, 9s. 9d., 5s. 6d., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 3,864; place pool, 2,894.

1.30.—ALFRISTON (S.) CHASE (£200) (2m.).
Cylvida (Capt. Petri), b g by Cylba—Vida, 13yrs, 12st-3 ...... (Stott) 1
Lutoi (Mr. Courage), b g by Achtoi—Lucy, 9yrs, 12st-3 ...... (Mr. Poole) 2
East Africa (Mr. Lees-Milne), b g by Vizier—Baronda, 8yrs, 12st-3 ...... (Parvin) 3
Also ran: Golden Light, Prince Regent. (Winner trained by Owner.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—6 to 4 on CYLVIDA, 3 to 1 agst Lutoi, 11 to 2 East Africa, 10 to 1 Prince Regent, 33 to 1 Golden Light. 1½l, bad.
Tote.—Win, 8s.; places, 2s. 3d., 2s. 9d.; win pool, 2,597; place pool, 1,502.

2.0.—JUVENILE HURDLE (£400) (1½m.).
Denison (Mr. Cottrill), ch g by Soldennis—Crena, 10st-4 ...... (Morgan) 1
Annaly (Lord Rosebery), ch c by Hurry On—Erycina, 10st-4 ...... (P. Donoghue) 2
Abelard (Mr. Briscoe), b g by Chivalrous—Missal, 10st-4 ...... (Lyall) 3
Also ran: Orvello, Town Talk, Somerset, Irish Monarch, Tees Head, Lynton, Centaur, The Tavern Knight. (Winner trained by I. Anthony.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—2 to 1 agst Annaly, 11 to 4 Centaur, Town Talk, 7 to 1 DENISON, 100 to 8 Somerset, 20 to 1 others. 3 l., same.
Tote.—Win, 20s.; places, 5s. 3d., 3s. 6d., 20s.; win pool, 7,332; place pool, 4,803.

2.30.—CRANBORNE H'CAP CHASE (£250) (3m.).
Toy Bell (Mrs. Cohen), br g by Santoi—Clarebell, 8yrs. 10st-5 ...... (Brown) 1
Prince Jerome (Mrs. Gemmell), ch g by King Midas—Spry, 9yrs, 10st—5 ... (Moloney) 2
Maroon Gun (Col. Fairhurst), b g by Fowlingpiece—Periagua, 8 yrs, 10st ...... (Williams) 3
Also ran: Apostasy, Youtell, Ballyhanwood. (Winner trained by Powell.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—2 to 1 agst Prince Jerome, 5 to 2 Maroon Gun, 3 to 1 Apostasy, 11 to 2 Youtell, 100 to 8 TOY BELL and others. Sht. head, 4 l.
Tote.—Win, 19s. 3d.; places, 20s., 5s.; win pool, 5,996; place pool, 2,421.

3.0.—MODERATE H'CAP. HURDLE (£200) (2m.).
Black Armstrong (Mrs. Peacock), br c by Bucks Hussar—Medlina, 4yrs, 10st-9 (Mr. Whitfield) 1
Young Prince (Mr. Malden), gr g by Prince Philip—Juvenile. 6yrs, 10st-10 ...... (Hardy) 2
Golden Miller (Mr. Carr), b g by Goldcourt—Miller's Pride. 3yrs, 10st ...... (Lyall) 3
Also ran: Baron John, The Torch, Relation, Pure Knight, Norman Arrow, Faithful Garry, Royal Repose, Magic Moon, Santhome, Baco, Pounce, King Carroll, Pebble Ridge, Bucks Clover, The Alderman II., Ptolemais, Bedguard, Zero Hour. (Winner trained by Rennison.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—2 to 1 agst Baron John, 6 to 1 BLACK ARMSTRONG, 7 to 1 The Torch, Baco, 8 to 1 Young Prince, Pounce, 100 to 8 Faithful Garry, 100 to 6 Golden Miller. 20 to 1 Pure Knight, The Alderman, 33 to 1 others. 3l., 2l.
Tote.—Win. 9s.; places, 3s. 6d., 5s. 9d., 6s.; win pool, 7,241; place pool, 5,503.

3.30.—ANDOVER H'CAP CHASE (£150) (2m.).
Lewendon (Mr. Macmillan), b g by Sunbright—Eerie, 7yrs, 11st-12 ...... (Morgan) †
Lucidor (Mr. Savill), b g by Nimbus—Luciana, 8 yrs, 11st-2 ...... (Williams) †
Her Last (Mr. Thompson), br g by He—Bulmer, 6yrs, 10st-7 ...... (Cullinan) 3
Also ran: St. Germaine, Free State, Crockanoir, Avion, No Fooling, Morpheus, The Monk, Paulinus, Prince Rowland, Pongo. (Lewendon trained by J. Anthony, Lucidor by Owner.)
"Sporting Chronicle."—6 to 4 agst LEWENDON, 6 to 1 LUCIDOR, 8 to 1 Her Last, Paulinus, 10 to 1 Crockanoir, Pongo, St. Germaine, 100 to 8 The Monk, 100 to 6 others. †Dead-heat, 3l.
Tote.—Win, 4s., Lewendon, 11s., Lucidor; places, 3s. 3d., Lewendon, 5s. Lucidor, 7s. 6d., Her Last; win pool, 5,478; place pool, 3,734.
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JOHANNESBURG, Saturday.

The M.C.C. were back on matting wickets when they began the fifth match of the tour against the Transvaal on the famous Wanderers' ground here to-day.

Chapman, having beaten Caterall in the toss, sent Wyatt and Leyland to open the innings. With only 19 runs on the board, Leyland was given out leg-before-wicket after scoring 12. This early set-back did not affect Hammond, who immediately settled down to some bright cricket, and delighted the spectators with some characteristic cover-drives. Wyatt, on the other hand, was not his usual aggressive self.

At 125, Brown made a splendid catch off his own bowling which dismissed Hammond, who had scored 70 in ninety minutes by stylish and, at times, vigorous batting. He hit ten 4's, and his partnership with Wyatt for the second wicket yielded 106.

Hendren gave a chance in the slips off the first ball he received, and was caught at second slip off Hall in the second over, the third wicket falling at 140. Turnbull came in, but with only one run added, was bowled by Hall for a "duck." With another 15 runs added, Wyatt cut a sharply rising ball from Hall into the hands of Brown at second slip, and half the side were out for 156.

A stand by Chapman and White checked the run of bowling successes. The Somerset player displayed a strong defence, and did not attempt anything in the way of scoring. He was content to leave that to Chapman, who, although not batting with quite his usual freedom, scored at a respectable rate.

M.C.C.—First Innings.

R. E. S. Wyatt, c Brown, b Hall	58
Leyland, lbw, b Hall	12
Hammond, c and b Brown	70
Hendren, c Hall, b Vincent	2
M. J. Turnbull b Hall	0
A. P. F. Chapman, c Rowan, b Brown	37
J. C. White, not out	36
Voce, c Hall, b Vincent	1
M. J. C. Allom, c Steyn, b Brown	0
I. A. R. Peebles, st Van der Merwe, b Vincent	18
Duckworth, run out	0
Extras	4
Total	238

TRANSVAAL.—First Innings.

S. Curnow, not out	5
E. Rowan, not out	9
Total (0 wkt.)	14

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

M.C.C.—First Innings: Caterall 0 for 16, Brown 3 for 64, Hall 3 for 53, Vincent 3 for 54, Newson 0 for 47.—Reuter's Special Service.

PONSFORD AT HIS BEST.

WEST INDIAN TOURING TEAM FARE BADLY.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

Victorian batsmen were in great form against the West Indian touring team here to-day, and carried their overnight score of 137 for two wickets to 562 for five.

Ponsford, who did not play up to his reputation in England, showed his very best form in scoring 187. He and Rigg, who scored 126, added 200 for the fourth wicket. Rigg scored his runs out of 319. Ponsford and Ryder put on 123 for the third wicket.

Darling and Barnett quickly scored 114 for the unbroken sixth wicket partnership. Score:

WEST INDIES.—First Innings: 212 (G. Headley, 131; Ironmonger, 5 for 87; A'Beckett, 4 for 51).

VICTORIA.—First Innings: W. M. Woodfull, b Constantine, 0; H. L. Hendry, c Birkett, b Martin, 44; W. H. Ponsford, c Grant, b Scott, 187; J. Ryder, c Roach, b Scott, 65; K. Rigg, c and b Birkett, 126; L. Darling, not out, 65; B. Barnett, not out, 58. Extras, 17. Total (5 wkts.), 562.—Reuter's Special Service.

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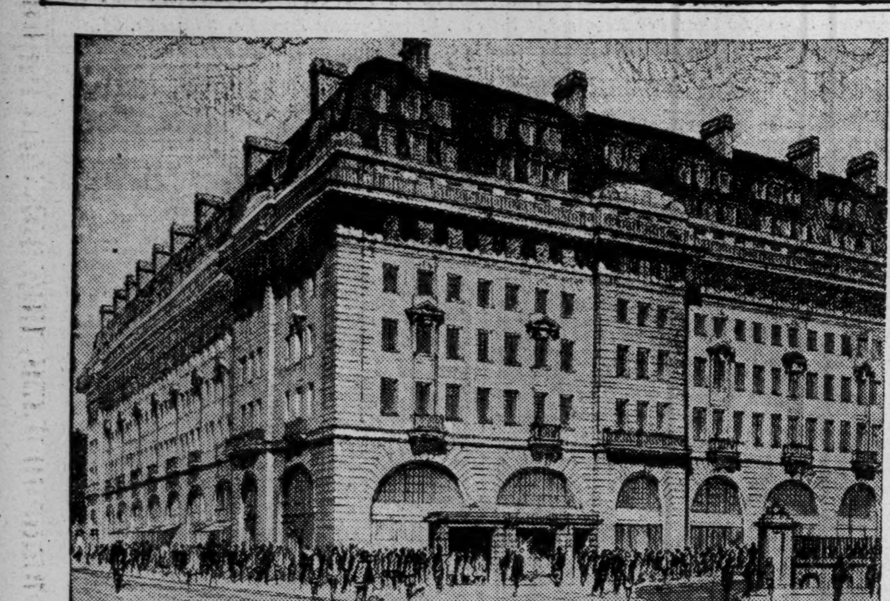

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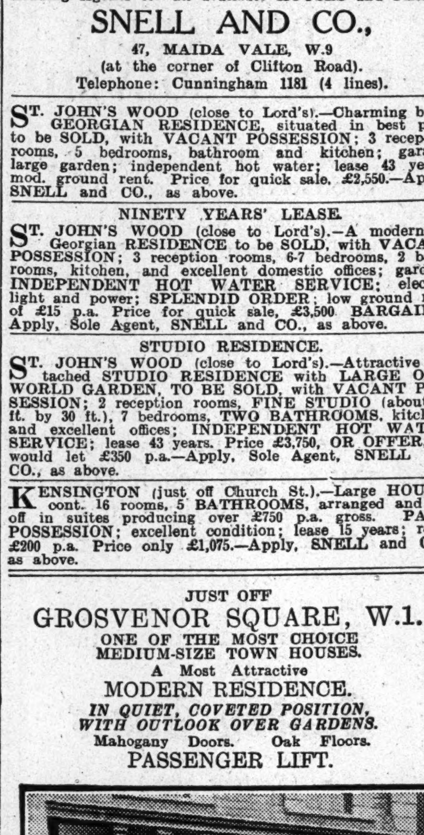

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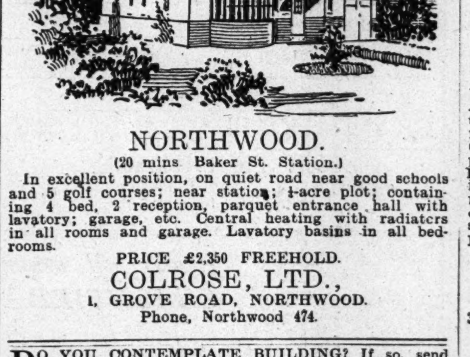

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